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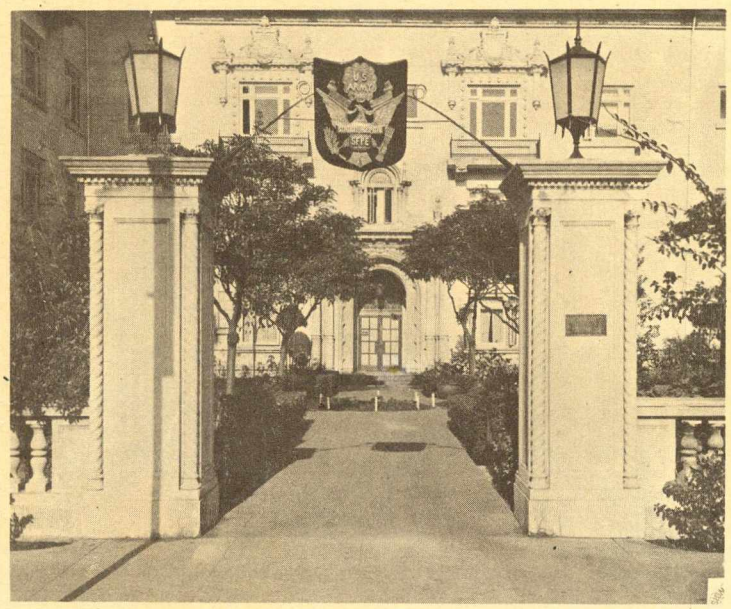
Station Hospital Of POE Merged With Letterman

On August 12, 1944, the station hospital of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation became officially a part of Letterman. The merger will considerably augment Lettermans' patient capacity and result in an even more efficient handling of the steady influx of overseas patients now being treated at Letterman.

The Station Hospital, located on Broadway and Van Ness, has an interesting history. Before being taken over by the army on February 19 of 1943, it represented the result of twenty-five years of unremitting labor on the part of a remarkable woman, supported during all but the last two of those years by her equally remarkable husband. It was the efforts of Mrs. A. A. Adler and the late Mr. Adler that made the Adler Sanatorium, later Dante Hospital and now the Station Hospital, SF POE.

It was in 1896 that Mrs. Adler, who comes of a long line of medical ancestors, opened the sanatorium in her home at 2619 Laguna Street, between Broadway and Vallejo Street. After a brief time it was found necessary to expand, and the institution was moved to a larger building next door, at 2615 Laguna. About four years later further expansion was necessary, and on the advice of the late Dr. Paolo DeVecchi an empty lot was acquired on Green Street, between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street. The new building erected on that lot was soundly constructed, as the faith of numerous friends provided ample credit.

Five years later, with the hospital just getting on a firm basis financially, came the earthquake and fire which wiped out most of San Francisco east of Van Ness Avenue.



Now a part of Letterman is the U. S. Army Station Hospital of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

The Adler Sanatorium fared no better than other buildings in the area where dynamite and backfires were used in the successful effort to halt the progress of the conflagration.

During the gloomy days that followed, Mrs. Adler and her entire staff did emergency work at Fort Mason caring for the sick and injured. Mr. Adler took charge of the clothing distribution at the fort, and among the many tasks performed by the staff was the not inconsiderable one of providing meals for 250 persons over a period of several weeks with only two kerosene burners for facilities.

Mrs. Adler, undaunted, took over a building at 1690 Broadway, a block away from the present site at 1590, to replace the ruined hospital, and she and her staff converted a set of flats into an institution which served the needs of the patients until a new building could be erected.

Ground was broken for what is now the Van Ness wing of the hospital in the spring of 1909, and the sanatorium made its final move the next year. From then until 1921 it was unique in its type of service, limited to a capacity of less than sixty, but providing its patients with everything possible.

On Feb. of 1921 the Federation of Italian Societies bought the hospital and in October of that year began operating it as Dante Sanatorium. In 1939 the name was changed to Dante Hospital, under which name it functioned until 1943 when it was taken over by the army, to serve all units of the Port of Embarkation. In the new merger, the needs of the Port will be cared for as well as the regular service rendered by Letterman General Hospital.

Eddie Cantor Canters for the Letterman Vets

Eddie Cantor, famed comedian, played to a full house at Letterman on Thursday afternoon, August 17th, when he and his talented "Camp Show" troupe entertained the patients in the patio. With every window on the ramp lined with patients and hospital personnel, and the lawn of the patio completely obscured by red pajama clad veterans, Eddie created a laugh riot.

Jerry Phillips, the pretty pianist, accompanied Eddie and red-haired Nora Martin in songs, interspersed by jokes from Eddie, with the well-known Cantor eyes rolling, and frequent calls into the mike for "Ida" to listen in.

Gali Gali, the magician, with Lt. Karl A. Gertenhouse, Special Service officer, and Corporal Hugh Ashley, also of Special Service, acting as stooges, did remarkable things with an elusive five dollar bill. The 'Mad Russian,' otherwise known as Bert Gordon, and Eddie indulged in rapid-fire repartee.

Cantor and his troupe have traveled throughout the country, visiting the hospitals and entertaining the patients. They came directly to Letterman from their performance in Union Square in San Francisco, where they launched the "Christmas Ship" program, in an endeavor to stimulate the public to mail their Christmas packages early, and in accordance with the postal regulations.

IT'S GRADE A GARDENS THAT BLOOM IN LETTERMAN WARDS

Every so often we come across an idea that is so simple and yet so effective and useful that we can't help wondering why we had not thought of it ourselves. There is always the ever-present tendency to utilize only the things to which we have become accustomed and to let the imagination stultify in its own inertia. But occasionally someone comes along who can see new shapes and uses in old forms. Then, like the little boy who, when he had lost one of his roller-skates, suddenly realized that he had the makings of a fine scooter, we are delighted. Such an idea is represented by the gay and colorful flower containers gracing the Letterman wards. Mrs. Percival Dolman is the lady who had perception and imagination enough to see a new use for a discarded utensil and who instigated the making of the vases.

It all came about by a simple little incident in one of the wards. Mrs. Dolman has been working with the Arts and Skills group in Occupational Therapy at the hospital for some time. A part of her work is in teaching and interesting the bed-patients in various of the manual skills. A short time before Christmas, while she was in one of the wards, a large box of roses was delivered to a patient. Due to the lack of sufficient vases, a chronic condition in all hospitals, the roses had to be placed in an enamel pitcher, which did not do justice to them. Mrs. Dolman is a doctor's wife, and she remembered that often during the holiday season, when many flowers came to the hospitals, she had seen this same situation arise. In trying to think of a remedy for it, she suddenly remembered that milk cartons, while not exactly decorative in themselves, do hold milk; therefore, why not water? And, if you can paper a dull wall and make it attractive, why not a milk carton? She put the idea to the test and covered the carton with some gay wallpaper, filled it with flowers and presented it to a patient. It was an immediate success. The next step was to get a sufficient supply of the cartons and to enlist help in covering them so that the vases might be turned out in sufficient quantity to supply all of the wards.

Borden's Dairy came to her aid in providing the cartons and have continued to be most generous in their donations. With sufficient cartons, she then organized a group of friends who came weekly to the hospital to cover them. So much enthusiasm was engendered for the idea that it wasn't long before some of the patients were entering into the work.

When they are finished, the cartons are filled with different arrangements of flowers and distributed throughout the w a r d s. Both the conical and squared cartons are used, and since no two of the bouquets are alike, there is plenty of variety. The flowers themselves are contributed by outside sources.

The idea has succeeded so well that it is being extended to the miniature gardens that have been so popular on the wards. Mrs. Dolman discovered that a cheese carton, attractively covered, makes an ideal base for a miniature garden and lasts indefinitely. This work, so pleasantly started at Letterman, bids fair to spread to many other of the Army hospitals throughout the country.



Two charming ladies give patients a choice of attractively vased posies. Left to right: Mrs. Herbert Farewell and Mrs. Robert Dexter Dolman.



Interested patients assist in making their own vases. The instructors are left to right: Mrs. Herbert Farewell and Mrs. Robert Dexter Dolman.

TIP OFF TO G.I. JOHNNY ON AVAILABLE POST-WAR JOBS

Will there be jobs open to veterans of World War II when they return to civilian life? Very definitely yes. When peace comes to America there will be more opportunities for ambitious young men than at any other time in our history. Ten pioneer industries that promise to expand to undreamed-of dimensions will throw open their doors after the war to workers with an eye to the future, according to Sigmund Sameth's article, TOMORROW'S TEN TOP JOBS, in the September issue of ESQUIRE.

What are the top occupational bets for returning war heroes? Which infant industries will offer growing careers? Well, up front in the pattern of peacetime living will be the **light metal** industry. Magnesium and aluminum are slated to become major metals, and as such offer bright career prospects.

Refrigeration and **air conditioning** will enjoy extraordinary prosperity. Almost every home in the country will have a refrigerator after the war, and most factories in the future will be air-conditioned. There is also room in the industry for men who can perfect and market low-cost home-conditioning units.

Glass is another field that will make steady gains. It has taken its cue from war scarcities and invaded fields previously ruled by metals, plastics, rubber and even fibers and fabrics.

High on the list of tomorrow's careers will be **foreign trade.** Peace will bring a great surge in the international exchange of goods, and men with executive ability, a knowledge of sales technique, a good language sense, a tolerant disposition, and a broad streak of adventure may find unlimited possibilities in this field. Here is a job where ex-servicemen can profit directly from wartime experience.

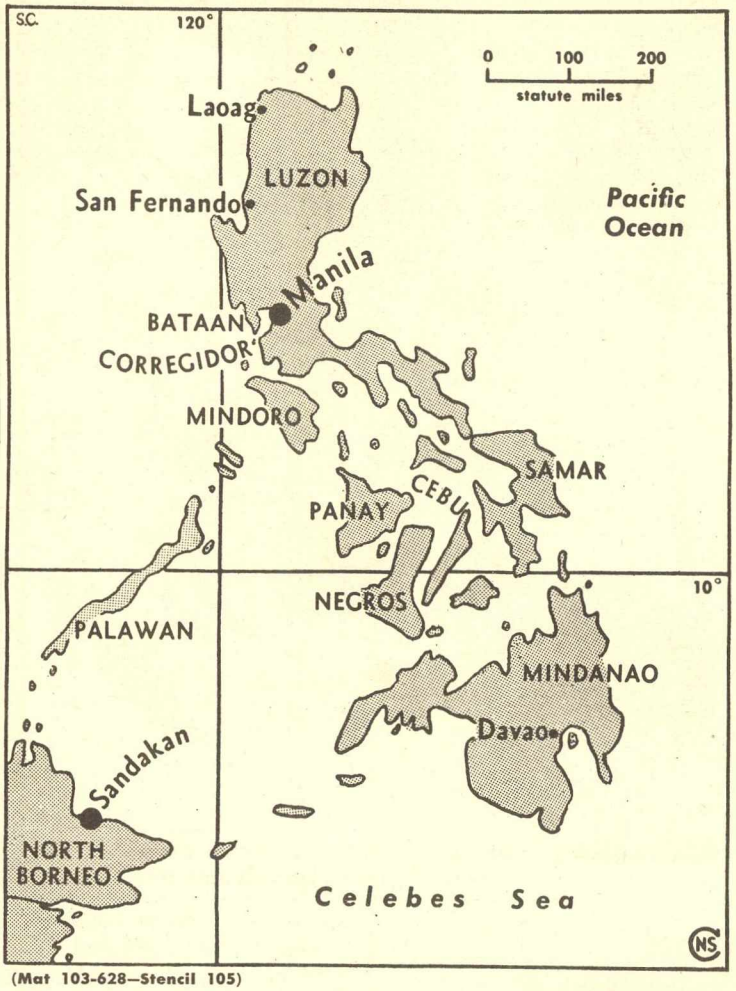
The **building industry** is another field which is bound to sky-rocket. The Department of Commerce says 4,500,000 new homes will be built as soon as possible after victory comes.

Prefabrication will have a definite and growing place in the building picture, especially in the under $5,000-dollar class of dwellings for which, numerically, the country has greatest need.

Publishing is another field due for continued prosperity. Publishers cannot get paper enough to print all the inexpensive editions they could sell. Twenty-five cent books have made readers out of a whole new segment of our population.

And how about **television?** Like the early days of radio, the automotive industry, and commercial flying, the farsighted young men who hitch their wagons to this new pioneer industry will one day ride the crest of financial success. Television promises to be the greatest medium of mass communication yet evolved with unparalleled opportunities for entertainment and education . . . and careers. Here is a chance for returning veterans to get into a field due for vast expansion.

Next?



(Mat 103-628—Stencil 105)

The Philippine Islands where American soldiers died heroically at Bataan and Corregidor, may be the next stop for our sea and land forces riding the Tokyo Express. This map shows principal cities on the Islands.

How to Avoid 'Helmet Headache'

Washington (CNS) — When you're riding on a railroad train, keep your steel helmet underneath your seat and not on the hat rack over your head.

That's the advice of the Army's Transportation Corps which is getting tired of patching up GIs skulls split open by falling helmets.

"Train commanders and railroad officials have advised that troops are suffering severe head injuries because steel helmets stowed on overhead racks on troop trains fall as the train rounds a curve and hits the troops on the head," the Army reports. "It is suggested that all troops on trains place their helmets and liners underneath or between seats."

GIs Stationed in U. S. Can't Use Federal Vote

By Camp Newspaper Service

Soldiers stationed in camps and installations within the United States are prohibited from using the Federal ballot in the National Elections this fall by War Department Circular 302, issued July 17, 1944, which states in part:

"(1) Members of the Armed Forces, attached civilians and members of the Merchant Marine, outside the United States, who are of voting age and who are citizens of the foregoing states (those 20 states which have authorized use of the Federal ballot) may be furnished the Federal ballot if they will make oath that they applied for State absentee ballots before 1 Sept. 1944 and did not receive them by 1 Oct. 1944.

"(2) The Federal ballot must not be furnished to citizens of the foregoing States inside the United States."

States authorizing use of the Federal ballot by servicemen stationed overseas are California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

Servicemen who reside in these states and who are stationed at camps and installations within the United States should communicate with the Secretary of State of their home state to determine their eligibility to vote under that state's absentee voting laws.

French Underground Praised for Sabotage

France (CNS)—Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, has credited the French "army of the interior" with delaying considerably the movement of German reserves to the Normandy combat zone through widespread sabotage. The French Underground, SHAEF said, has been particularly successful in paralyzing rail and road traffic and interrupting telegraph and telephone communications.

100th Medal of Honor A Posthumous Award

Aurora, Ill. (CNS)—The 100th Medal of Honor awarded in World War II was presented here recently to Mrs. Fredericka Truemper, mother of Lt. Walter Truemper, 8th AAF navigator killed in an attempt to save his plane after all others in the crew had bailed out.

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EYES RIGHT

Every man in the army knows the command, "Eyes right," and knows that it is given when they pass the flag and the reviewing stand. But a little reviewing might not be amiss at this point for a different reason. For the many soldiers, officers and enlisted men alike, who feel that they have spent too much time on the home shores, and that their part in the war effort is not at all what they had planned, we suggest a good look at the overflowing wards at Letterman today. It is not a time to keep a close watch on the clock for the quitting hour, but rather a chance to buckle down and put in those extra hours of work that will make your military service of real value. Sure, there's extra work to be done, and sure, it's true that you can't get it done in the hours that you ordinarily put in as your day's work. So let's have the clock on the left, and keep eyes right on the job until it is done.

Boy Offers Fair Swap: Golf Balls for Gum

England (CNS) — Seeking golf balls, an AAF lieutenant filed an ad in an English paper. He received this reply: "Dear American officer, I am Peter Turner, aged 9. I will trade my four golf balls for two packages of candy or chewing gum. P.S. If you fly a B-17 or a B-24, you can have them for nothing."

Lear Gets McNair's Post

Washington (CNS) — Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, former commanding general of the Second Army, has been assigned to command the Army Ground Forces, succeeding Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, who has been given an important overseas assignment, the War Department has announced.



After twenty-nine month of duty overseas—**Second Lieutenant Edna Earle** was evacuated by rotation and landed in San Francisco the 29th of June, then after a lengthy detour to an eastern replacement center at Durham, North Carolina, was assigned to duty this week at Letterman General Hospital.

Lieut. Earle was born in Dayton, Tenn. but moved to Birmingham, Alabama when quite young and received her grammar and high school education there. She entered Baroness Erlanger Hospital at Chatanooga, Tenn. to take up the nursing profession and continued on there in general nursing after graduation.

In 1941 Lieut. Earle enlisted in the Army and was inducted into the service at Camp Florence, Tenn. and received her basic training there. She was then sent to a New York Port of Embarkation—thence to Australia where she remained twenty months working in field hospitals. From there she went to New Guinea for nine month before coming back to the United States. Lieut. Earle tells us that when she first went to New Guinea, baths and laundry took place in a little river back of the nurses quarters but at the time she left all modern conveniences were installed for the comfort of the patients as well as the nursing staff.

Hobbies: Soft ball and basket ball.

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Greetings to three new nurses who joined the nursing staff this week after completing their basic training at Camp White, Oregon. They are: **Second Lieutenants Patricia J. Moe, Norma J. Wood** and **Lillian M. Stevens.**

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1st Lieutenant Shirley R. Timewell, boss of the cadet nurses, patiently awaits the replacement for her assistant, Lieut. McKenna.

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Our wishes for speedy recovery are extended to **Second Lieutenants Maisie Lewis** and **Viola I. Mayer** who were hospitalized this week.

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Latest report from nurses recently assigned to the train unit intimate that most of the girls are extremely pleased with the whole thing. The new quarters have just been fixed up and should prove to be quite comfortable.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Chaplain **Thomas L. McKenna** casting a worried eye at the Fog Horn as he departed for a much-needed 10-day leave.

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Corporal **Thomas C. Hackett** quietly celebrating his birthday Sunday last.

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Lieutenant **Willis M. Parrish** changing his silver bars for twin bars on each shoulder.

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Miss **Hulda Steinmesh** looking very svelte in brown and pink as she visited at Letterman en route to Campo, California, where she will set up an occupational therapy department in the new station hospital there.

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Captain **"Bunny" Edwards** back on the baseball team again and full of vim and vigor after his recent indisposition.

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Mrs. **Mildred Kendall,** of the Red Cross, with a strangely plump face after having a wisdom tooth extracted.

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Colonel **Charles S. Duttenhofer** back on duty again after bringing his family from their home in Pennsylvania to San Francisco.

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Sergeant **Herbert Goldstein** busily turning his talents to the writing of a radio script.

Guam Radio Breaks Two-Year Silence

Guam (CNS) — The Guam radio, silenced since Dec. 10, 1941 when Capt. George J. McMillin, then Naval governor of this island, informed Pearl Harbor that Jap planes were strafing Agana, is back on the air again. The first message sent by the Signal Corps after the landing on Guam was the following: "This news is from Radio Guam. Nothing heard from you since 1941. Greetings."

Tasty Little Number Warns Drivers in India

India (CNS)—At a snaky section of the Ledo road, a life sized figure of an alluring and curvaceous girl has been planted. Beside the figure is a sign, with this inscription: "I want my soldier to come home, too. Watch those curves!"

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, July 30, 1944.
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Pack Your Package Tightly— Send It Soon

Except during the period from September 15 to October 15, no Christmas gift packages weighing over eight ounces may be mailed to a service man overseas without presentation of a written request from the man, the Postmaster has stated.

The gifts must be packed in boxes made of metal, wood, solid fiber board or strong double-faced corrugated fiber board if they are to be safe in transit. It is wise to reinforce the package with strong gum paper or tape or twine.

Packages containing numerous articles, such as toilet items, hard candy, soap, etc., should be tightly packed so that they will not become loosened during transit. All food, such as hard candies, nuts, fruit cakes or chocolate bars, should be wrapped in wax paper and placed in an inner box. Be sure that the packages are addressed correctly and that the return address is on the package.

189 Magazines Approved

Washington (CNS)—The Army's latest list of magazines approved for sale in PXs and for distribution in the Army under the provision of the Soldier Vote Law has just been released.

The list includes 189 magazines, among them 39 comic books. Among the publications absent from the list are *The New Republic, The Nation* and three Army publications — *Hit Kit, Overseas Comics* and *Intelligence Bulletin.*

Col. Robert Cutler, the Secretary of War's administrator of all matters arising from the Soldier Vote Law, has stated that publications excluded from the list were not dropped because of their editorial content but because the troops expressed no preference for them.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



From the farming country of Arkansas comes Private Dell R. Lindsay, featured 'Buck of the Week.'

Pvt. Lindsay was born on January 1, 1919, in Huntsville, Arkansas, where he remained practically all of his life before entering the Army. He attended school here and after completing this went to work on his father's farm until he was married in 1938. However, he did not leave the farmwork entirely until 1944, the time of his induction.

He took the oath of Allegiance on 7 January 1944 at the induction center at Camp Robertson, Little Rock, Arkansas, and from there was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he received his basic training. He was then sent to Camp White, Oregon, for assignment and placed in the medical corps there. He went on to Camp Barkeley, Texas, where he was given eight weeks of medical training. After this he was sent to Camp Stoneman, California, where he stayed only a week before they gave him the first furlough he had received since he had been in the Army. Upon reporting back from this leave, he was immediately transferred to Letterman and was placed in the wards. He now performs the duty of wardman on ward C-1.

Post-war planning of our buck differs from the ordinary GI. He intends to return home and continue his farm work. Now the father of a two-year-old baby boy—his pride is only expressed in his assertion that his son is the 'apple of his eye.'

Like most mid-western folk, the private enjoys the wide open spaces. His hobbies include hunting and fishing—sports at which he participated wholeheartedly in civilian life. His idea of perfect happiness is to get out in the open fields and once more take up these favorite pastimes.

The Nazi Soldier—Thin and Shabby, But Still a Very Dangerous Fighter

By Camp Newspaper Service

Here are a few things GIs learned about the German soldier during the early weeks of the fighting in France:

1. He fights hard and with courage. But when the going gets tough, he's likely to quit.

2. He doesn't like to fight at night. And that's a good time to go out and get him. You can pick out his position better at night by following the line of the tracers from his machine guns. By day it's hard to see him because he fights behind hedgerows and his powder is smokeless.

3. He's very tricky. If you give him a chance to pull a fast one on you, he'll go ahead and pull it. Watch him when he surrenders. German soldiers have been known to surrender with a white flag in one hand and a potato masher in the other. When they get close to you they are liable to let you have the grenade right in the face.

4. He's inclined to be trigger happy. Sometimes he will fire aimlessly just to build up his courage. Generally, however, he's a good shot and a dangerous man with a gun but he's no match for our men with a bayonet.

Physically, this 1944 edition of the German soldier is thinner and shorter than the 1940 model. The early Superman is dead, or wounded, or guarding the front at home. His successor on the fighting fronts is a lesser man, physically and psychologically, according to reports printed in *Stars & Stripes* and other newspapers abroad.



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German Soldier, 1944 Model

Gone is the arrogant, fanatical Nazi who laid waste the entire continent of Europe. His place has been taken by a smaller, shabbier, less enthusiastic and more bewildered soldier—a man who doesn't want to fight so hard, but who still knows how to do it.

To sum it up, the German soldier today isn't the fighter he once was, but he still is quick and smart, he's tough and he's wicked. Don't let him fool you.

Heres Added Information on the G. I. Bill of Rights

About the 20th of August more information on the G. I. Bill of Rights, in the form of a War Department pamphlet, will be distributed to posts, camps, stations, regional and general hospitals. The folder is entitled "Additional Information for Soldiers Going Back to Civilian Life."

Officers executing discharge or release from active duty will be responsible for distributing one copy of this pamphlet to each person being separated from the service receiving either an honorable or a blue discharge. Distribution will be made immediately following a determination that the individual is to be discharged or released from active duty and prior to his departure from the installation at which separation is effected.

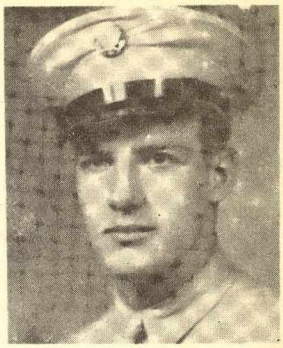
Sixty Nine Army Nurses Have Died In Line of Duty

The Army Nurse Corps has lost 69 of approximately 40,000 members by death in line of duty since Pearl Harbor. Twenty-four have been reported as wounded, and 66 are prisoners of war.

Six officers of the Army Nurse Corps have died as a direct result of enemy action. Other deaths have been due to vehicle accidents, airplane crashes, and disease.

Nurses have been wounded while serving aboard hospital ships and in Italy and Burma. They have suffered concussions, ruptured ear drums, shrapnel wounds and shell-fragment injuries. One flight nurse in Burma was wounded when an airfield was strafed and bombed. All of the wounded have returned to duty.

ON THE SPOT



Congenial, friendly, co-operative and valiant—describes Sergeant Dominic Montazzoli—whom we feature 'On the Spot' this week.

A native son of New Jersey, Dominic remained within its limits all of his life until after his induction into the armed forces on January 8, 1942. He was sent to Camp Croft, South Carolina, for his basic training and assigned to the infantry. He was eventually assigned to duty with the First Cavalry Division, of the Seventh Reconnaissance Squadron at Fort Bliss, Texas. In June of 1943 he sailed for an overseas station—in Australia and after a very brief stay here, moved on to New Guinea. In addition to performing a variety of duties the unit underwent a rigid training period before going into action. They saw their first action when they made a landing on a South Pacific island where a beachhead had been established—300 yards deep. Everything went well and with the island airstrip under the American flag, only a few Jap snipers were scattered about the island. The squadron then moved on to another island selected as a stepping stone for the attack on the largest island of this group. Here our hero was a section sergeant with a mortar platoon. Serving in this capacity it was his duty to observe the general set-up confronting his men. After a raging battle—toward dusk there came a lull and orders were received to 'dig in' for the night. But Jap mortar guns opened fire and one exploding shell landed near his phone equipment. In the attempt to rescue this equipment, he was wounded. Subsequent hospitalization followed and ultimate evacuation to the United States where he is now a patient at Letterman on Ward D-1.

Sgt. Montazzoli will return to his native state when the war is over—detouring via New York to marry—but taking his new bride to his home in New Jersey.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week. They are: Technician 3rd Grade Stanley E. Ledahl and Private Leonard Farber.

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Furloughs for the week were issued the following men of the detachment: Corporal David H. Davis, 19 days; Technician 5th Grade Jack A. Allen and Private James R. Gregg, each 17 days; Technician 5th Grade Alvin J. Cheetham with 15 days and Private Philip J. Leist with 12 days.

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Pvt. Saul Katz trying to solve the mystery of the 'missing footlocker' during the recent changing of living quarters.

Pvt. Benjamin Weita teaching Sgt. Eugene Ryback how to jitterbug at the last detachment dance.

T/Sgt. Joseph Jones and S/Sgt. Jack Lavelle now learning how to close windows since Pvt. Andrew Colletti went to the train detachment.

The last Friday night detachment dance proving to be the biggest and the best of all the dances—thanks to the Letterman Band, the Bank of America girls and the civilian employees of the hospital.

Sgt. John "Willie" Dean helping Sgt. Robert Bement celebrate his birthday last Saturday.

The Letterman bowling team suffering one of its greatest set-backs this week when Cpl. Romaine L. Jouglard, one of the best bowlers, left the post for a new station.

Pvt. Louis Fasel taking the part of the head-waiter in the East Hospital mess by counting the attendance and greeting his friends.

Cpl. Isadore Lanfranco working behind the PX Bar and coming out with his idea of a new kind of hamburger.

Sgt. William H. McDonald back on duty in the charge of quarters after riding the trains for the past year or so.

Pvt. Richard S. Profita in the role of a patient.

Springfield, Mass. (CNS) — A local foundry has applied for extra ration coupons to fatten up its workers. Some workers have lost from 20 to 47 pounds since food rationing began, the firm complains.

SHE'S THE EXCEPTION THAT PROVES THE RULE—BRAINS, BEAUTY, TOO



MRS. DOROTHY COHN

Letterman has long been famous for its beautiful surroundings. The beautiful flowers and gardens, trees and grounds have been considered a definite morale - building factor. But for our money and apparently, by the way the bench outside was always filled to capacity, for the money of the patients too, the ramp window of the Detachment of Patients office was one of the most decorative spots in the hospital. Through that window we could look at Mrs. Sanford (Dorothy) Cohn, who made as pretty a picture as anyone could hope to see. Mrs. Cohn, who did stenographic work with the detachment, has light-brown hair, quite unbelievable sapphire - blue eyes, and dimples. We can't help but think it a pity that she is concealed from view now in ward C-1, where she is taking medical dictation, but she is quite enthusiastic about the job. And that in spite of the fact that since taking it over on August 1st, she has worn completely through one pair of shoes, racing from one end of the ward to the other.

Mrs. Sanford is married to a Lieutenant in the Army who is now stationed in New Guinea, where he has been for the past year. We wondered if Mrs. Sanford would continue to work after her husband's return to civilian life, but she tells us that when that grand event occurs, she intends to settle down and raise children and vegetables. Which we think a very sound combination. From the promptness and exactitude with which she told us just how long Lieutenant Sanford had been away, we would hazard a guess that he is going to receive a most enthusiastic welcome home.

Mrs. Sanford is a graduate of the Polytechnic high school of San Francisco, where she majored in art, specializing in drawing portraits. After her school days she came to Letterman, where she worked with the Red Cross in a secretarial capacity for six months before deciding to take her Civil Service examination and applying for work at the hospital. Her first assignment was with the Detachment of Patients, where she remained until this August, when she transferred to her present position. If she makes any more moves, we hope they find her placed in front of a window, where she will be quite visible to all of us.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

1st Sergeant William H. Sink of the Headquarters Section left late last week on a furlough with his family to Beach Haven, Pennsylvania. Sergeant Sink will visit friends and relatives there.

First Lieutenant Jack D. Burnett, MAC, former commanding officer of the Headquarters Section, who was transferred early last week to Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, California, writes that he has received the double silver bars in lieu of the single. Congratulations are extended by his many friends here.

Private First Class Royal R. Ryman, clerk at school headquarters, left last week for Los Angeles, California, to visit with his wife for a few days.

Technician 4th Grade Richard J. Herzog, noncommissioned officer in charge of barracks T-1100 and T-1107, was seen in a happy mood again this week after the arrival of a friend from the East last Sunday. Happy days are here again!

Word received from Tech-4th Grade Maurice C. Deitz, former enlisted instructor of the dental school, stating he is enjoying the scenic English country-side together with its delicious meals.

Interesting to see—some of the students at the school talking very friendly and anxiously with several Italian War Prisoners from Camp Roberts, California, who were visiting in the Presidio. Within a few minutes there was a large crowd viewing these men as they engaged in wild conversation and all sorts of strange gestures. All of them wanted to see this wonderful land called "America."

Tech/4th Grade Donald L. Stone, enlisted instructor of the dental school, has a new hair-do.

Early this week S/Sgt. Benjamin T. Shedoudy and Corporal Frank R. Mangone were seen 'kicking up their heels' at the local Stage Door Canteen.

Wilmington, Del. (CNS)—"The meanest man in the world" gave 6-year-old David Minhaldt two pennies for his tricycle, put it into his automobile and drove off.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

K9 Corpsmen and dog-lovers in general will be shocked to discover that dogs are dumber than orang-utans. And by dogs we mean Army dogs, civilian dogs and the kind that used to follow Harry Richman's act at the Palace.

The animal laboratory at Columbia University recently completed a series of tests to determine animal intelligence. And this is how they rate:

1. Chimpanzee.
2. Orang-utan.
3. Gorilla.
4. Monkey.
5. Dog.
6. Sergeant.

Who was the greatest fighter of them all in each of the weight divisions? This question was submitted to the nation's sports writers by Esquire magazine.

Results: Heavyweight, Jack Dempsey; Light Heavyweight, Bob Fitzsimmons; Middleweight, Mickey Walker; Welterweight, Henry Armstrong; Lightweight, Benny Leonard; Featherweight, Johnny Kilbane; Bantamweight, Terry McGovern.

Funny Story

Lefty Gomez, baseball's laughing boy, was chatting with Honus Wagner, 70-year-old diamond great, between innings of a war bond game in Pittsburgh.

"There's one thing you can clear up for me, Mr. Wagner," said Lefty respectfully.

"What's that, my son?" the great man asked.

"Well," said Lefty, "did Abe Lincoln swing from the shoulders or was he a wrist hitter?"

A Little Diamond Data

Johnny Vander Meer, who has more hop on the ball than you would find in a tin of Mexican beans, won his fifth straight for the Sampson Naval Training Center by bowling over the Scranton Eastern League club, 11 to 3. It was the 13th victory in 14 starts for the sailors. . . . Chester Laabs, formerly a defense plant worker, has announced he's ready to resume full-time outfit duty with the St. Louis Browns. This news failed to stand the baseball world on its ear, however, because when last heard from Chester was batting a cool .135. . . . Capt. Buddy Lewis, ex-Washington third sacker, won the DSC for distinguished service with the AAF in Burma. . . . CPO Bob Feller fanned 12, allowed 2 hits, slammed out two singles in a South Pacific game between his ship and another. . . .

MEET MAJOR BAILEY—THE MAN WHO DELIVERS THE GOODS



Compromise has taken many varied guises, but one of the oddest compromises we have heard about for some time is the one that Major Donald Edward Bailey, the new Chief of Medical Supply here at Letterman, told us about. It seems that his father, who is a commander in the Navy at Klamath Falls, Oregon, wanted the Major to attend the University of Washington and study with the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. But the Major had his heart set on going to the University of California. So they compromised, and he went to the University of Oregon and majored in pre-med and science. We can't quite figure out who got the best of the deal in this instance, but since Major Bailey tells us that he is an only child, we figure that he must have been the winnah! If you can figure it out, please let us know.

Major Bailey came into the Army in 1940 as a First Lieutenant and was assigned to March Field, California, in the Medical Administrative branch of the station hospital. His next move took him across the road to Camp Haan, a distance of about a quarter of a mile, where he continued to work in supply. Until a few weeks ago, when he arrived at Letterman, he was stationed at Haan.

Among the variety of duties performed by the Major, who is very youthful looking to be sporting a gold leaf, are property officer, chemical warfare officer, and charge of the printing plant. The Chief of Medical Supply must procure, store and issue supplies for the hospital and surrounding area.

The Major attended the Military School in San Rafael in 1929 and 30, which may account for his excellent military bearing. In civilian life he worked for the Oregon State Board of Health in the fiscal office. He liked the work, but prefers outdoors activities. His hobbies are hunting and fishing, and while he is quite modest about it, he admits that his golf score is in the low 80's.

If you really want to make a hit with our new officer, we suggest that you dig up any odd insignia that you may have, for he collects regimental insignia. Welcome to Letterman, Major Bailey. We hope that you have a long stay with us.

Fall Evening Classes Opened At Galileo High

The Fall term of the Galileo Evening High School (Francisco Street between Van Ness Avenue and Polk Street) opens August 28th and closes December 14th. Classes begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week. During the Fall term the following classes will be offered: Americanization, Bookkeeping, Business English and Spelling, Calculating Machines, Chinese, Citizenship, Dictation, Dressmaking, English, Gregg Shorthand, Harmony, Japanese, Machine Shop, Mathematics, Music History, Opera, Orchestra, Photography, Physical Education, Spanish, Typing, and Woodwork.

The San Francisco Public Schools offer an opportunity to continue schooling or prepare for definite positions without expense. The text books used in the courses are loaned and towels for showers in the gymnasiums are furnished without cost. There are no registration fees.

ENLISTED MEN'S AGES

The average U. S. serviceman in all the armed forces is about 25.1 years old, the average soldier, 25.78; the average sailor and marine, 23.50. Figures for the Army are as of Dec. 31, 1943; for the Navy as of Apr. 1, 1944; for the Marine Corps as of Feb. 1, 1944. A break-down of enlisted personnel by age groups shows:

Age in Years	Army	Navy	Marines
19.9 and under	11.7%	34.1%	29.8%
20-22.9	26.3%	24.6%	32.7%
23-25.9	22.5%	12.5%	15.8%
26-28.9	14.3%	8.7%	8.4%
29-31.9	10.3%	7.1%	5.0%
32-34.9	7.1%	5.3%	2.6%
35-37.9	5.2%	4.0%	1.9%
38 and over	2.6%	3.7%	3.8%

Eskimo Says Candles Taste Better Than Spam

Italy (CNS) — T/Sgt. Henry Kablun, the only GI Eskimo in Italy, likes Army food O.K., but he prefers the candles he used to eat back home in Alaska to K Rations and Spam.

"The only real good eating candle is one made from beef fat," says Kablun. That's the greatest delicacy in the world except for seal blubber and the insides of a reindeer's stomach."

Sad Sacks Romp Home for League Bowling Playoff

The Letterman bowling team won their final two out of three game series in the 900 House League rolled at the Broadway Van Ness bowl Tuesday night and now have a chance for the play-off of the four top teams to determine the league's highest bowlers. Sgt. Henry Kuntz notified the league manager, Mr. Ray Gaynor, that he wouldn't enter a team in the winter league because his original team has busted up with the loss of Corporal Lee Jouglard, the Medic's anchor man and highest average bowler in the league. Jouglard has been transferred to Palm Springs, California, where we hope his success will continue in the bowling bracket.

Sometime in the future about September 15th the following teams are going to get together to settle the actual championship in the 900 class. Leading the final games were, Atlas Frame, Letterman Hospital, Luxor Cab and Bob's Steak House. This is going to be an eight-game series and replacing Jouglard will be Sgt. John R. Davis, the dental clinic expert.

Bob's Steak House was the goat at the last game when they rolled against the Medics winning only the second game with a 938 total. The Medics won the first and third with fairly good scores. Sgt. Kuntz was high for the evening for a change with a 573 total pinnage, followed by Corporal Christian with 558.

Final league standings—win and losses respectively—are as follows: Atlas Frame 38 won, 16 lost; Letterman Hospital, 34-20; Luxor Cab, 29-25; Bob's Steak House, 28-26; Marin Ebonites, 25-29; Hunkin's Market, 26-28; Melby Painters, 22-32; Kentucky Club, 21-33; Nob Hill Club, 20-34; Al Lapeyri's, 16-38.

Results of Tuesday night's games were:

Letterman Hospital:				
Kuntz	196	186	189	573
Jouglard	185	185	185	555
Wilcox	138	147	188	473
Marano	136	200	169	505
Christian	206	171	181	558
Total	861	889	912	2662
Bob's Steak House:				
Evans	173	197	175	545
Baccetti	145	135	156	436
Peterson	154	195	173	522
Risso	178	164	132	474
Wells	177	233	190	600
Total	827	938	872	2637



"Just like him. Doing as little work as possible."

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

For week of 21 August to 28 August

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
Stage Show	1900	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
A.F.E.C. Entertainment	1400	Wards
Truth or Consequences	1400	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—		
THURSDAY—		
Jan Garber & Orchestra with Show	1400	Patio
Detachment dance	2000	Letterman Club
FRIDAY—		
Hospital Unit No. 8 "Breezing Along"	1400	Wards
"Salamagundi" Party		
Hostesses, Games, Refreshments	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—		
Make a Record & Popcorn	1830	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—		
San Francisco Municipal Chorus	1400	Rec. Hall

News From Home

Brooklyn (CNS) — A kibitzer, peering over Dominick Ericolo's shoulder while Ericolo and four cronies were playing pinochle in an empty lot, didn't care for Ericolo's card playing, so he stuck the stem of his briar pipe in Dominick's ear. The kibitzer, unknown to the other players, fled immediately and the police are still seeking him

Chicago (CNS)—A tall stranger, munching a sandwich in a Chicago restaurant, protested when charged 19 cents for the tidbit. After learning who the stranger was the restaurant subsequently cut the sandwich price to its OPA level—a dime. Name of the customer: Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury.

Goldsboro, N. C. (CNS) — Locked up on an intoxication charge when he was unable to pay his $5 fine, Harry Hunt found a $10 bill in his cell. Calling the jailer, he paid the fine, walked out, bought more whiskey. He was back in jail again that night.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—Here are the results of a four-day cleanup of Cocke County's moonshine liquor stills: 31 stills destroyed, 13,000 gallons of mash poured out, 200 gallons of whiskey destroyed, five persons arrested on moonshining charges.

Lincoln, Neb. (CNS) — A man walked into a lunch wagon and sat on the stool. "Egg sandwich," he said to the counterman. "Make it yourself," the counterman snapped, hitting his customer on the head with an egg. "War nerves," was the diagnosis of doctors at the state sanitarium.

McCall, Ida. (CNS)—Local residents are complaining of the sea serpent that has been swimming around in Payette Lake of late. It's 35 feet long, bright yellow in color, and has humps on its back, eyewitnesses declare. Local authorities, most of them scoffers, haven't said what they are going to do about it.

Minneapolis (CNS) — Charles Fagelund, 82, felt young again so he started to climb a tree. At Minneapolis General Hospital, his knee fracture is "improving," they say.

New York (CNS)—New York's police force, which is bigger than Ireland's Army, is red of face today. Someone stole $400 in cash and $350 in war bonds from a safe at police headquarters.

Savannah, Ga. (CNS) — C. B. Werm has spent 38 years as chief clock winder at the Savannah County courthouse and during that time he has never spent more than 48 hours outside the city of Savannah. "I like it here," he explains.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Brig. Gen. Hillman Assumed Command At L.G.H. This Week

On Wednesday of this week, Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman assumed command of Letterman General Hospital in compliance with orders previously announced by the War Department.

Letterman Hospital is an important installation. It has been designated as one of the principal debarkation hospitals for casualties returned from the combat areas in the Pacific. Casualties arriving in this country are taken directly to these debarkation hospitals, processed and then moved to hospitals near their homes.

Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the United States Army, commenting on the appointment of General Hillman to this post, stated, "His assignment illustrates the Army's concern with the care of sick and wounded soldiers. It is of paramount importance that such work be carried out under the direction of a medical man of wide experience and sound judgment."

General Hillman entered the Army Medical Corps in 1911 after receiving his education at the University of Arkansas and Rush Medical College. He did his post graduate work at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Later he was sent by the Army for a year's post graduate work in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota. He has served in a number of the Army's important medical centers. His service includes several years at tropical stations during peace time, and he has made a number of inspections of medical services in overseas theatres during this war. In 1934 he was decorated by the Brazilian Government in recognition of services rendered the Brazilian Army.

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Brig. Gen. CHARLES C. HILLMAN, U. S. ARMY Commanding General, Letterman General Hospital, who assumed his new command this week.

During almost a half century of operation Letterman General Hospital has established a standard of professional care of which the Medical Department is justly proud. In being assigned to its command, I naturally feel a deep sense of gratitude. At the same time I am keenly conscious of the task that faces me in maintaining the administrative efficiency of General Weed and his predecessors. I assume command with the utmost confidence in the loyalty and efficiency of the entire military and civilian staff. With your generous cooperation the traditional efficiency of Letterman will continue as it has in the past.

C. C. HILLMAN
Brigadier General, U. S. Army

Jennifer Jones is A Welcome Visitor At Letterman

The winsome lass who charmed the world in the "Song of Bernadette" and who will reach new heights in her latest picture "Since You Went Away" paid tribute to the wounded men on the Letterman wards on Tuesday afternoon when she spent several hours in informal chats with the patients.

Jennifer Jones had barely passed the portals at the main entrance to the hospital when the word of her presence was quickly passed along corridor and into the wards. Within seconds admiring groups were forming and the activities of this command practically ceased for the time being. Everyone wanted a close up view of "Bernadette" and Jennifer was gracious enough to make it possible for all.

The top flight star of the cinema world was accompanied by Miss Anita Colby who is herself a young person of prominence on the screen and magazine covers. She is a former Powers model and is the outstanding "Cover Girl" of the day. Her photogenic features have graced the covers of more magazines than one has time to count. Miss Colby has been the associate of Jennifer on a country wide tour in connection with the showing of "The Song of Bernadette" and is here for the premier showing of "Since You Went Away" which opened at the United Artists Theatre in San Francisco on Wednesday.

Lieut. Karl Gertenhouse, Special Services Officer, accompanied the distinguished visitors on their tour of the hospital after they had been formally welcomed by Colonel William D. Herbert representing the commanding general.

ELEVEN NEW CADET NURSES REPORT FOR DUTY AT LGH

We've watched our cadet nurses come and go—come trim and bright-eyed to Letterman in their attractive blue uniforms, busily and eagerly working in the wards in white uniforms, and finally leave us, proudly wearing the little silver maltese crosses on their red epaulets, and ready to take their places in the medical world as full-fledged workers. One silver star is worn after nine months as a probationer, two when the last six months as a cadet have been served, and three if they are graduate nurses and remain in the Cadet Nurse Corps. When the work with the Corps is completed, the cadets must take the State Board Examination to become Registered Nurses. These cadets, proudly serving their country now in a time of great need, realize that nursing will play a tremendous role in the rehabilitation of the world of tomorrow, and are fitting themselves for the future.



NEW CADET NURSES:
The above group joined Station at Letterman last week: L. to R., Ethel Spencer, Seacliff Aptos, Calif.; Patricia Morser, Fresno, Calif.; Phyllis Tendell, Piedmont, Calif.; June Haight, Oakland, Calif.; Anita Franklin, Lodi, Calif.; Joan Larum, San F., Calif.; Marilyn Hinds, Sacramento, Calif.; Evelyn Esola, San F., Calif.; Joyce Mitchell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Clarita Wood, Santa Rosa, Calif.

The eleven newcomers to Letterman are from all sections of California. Miss Marilyn V. Hinds comes from Sacramento. Pearl Harbor was directly responsible for her going into nursing. She felt that it was the most effective way in which she could serve. She studied at Providence Hospital in Oakland, and will be through with her cadet work in February 1945. Marilyn intends to go into the Army Nurses Corps when she has finished her training, and hopes to go overseas to France. She is of French ancestry, and has always been interested in the history and the language of that country.

Patricia Morser decided on her nursing career very suddenly. She was taking college preparatory English in school, and was called upon to give a talk on what she planned for her vocation. Being quite undecided, she suddenly chose nursing for the purpose of her talk, and talked herself right into it. Miss Morser comes from Fresno, California, and did her preliminary work at the Fresno County Hospital. She is most enthusiastic about contagious nursing, but may not continue beyond her duration and six months, for she has a fiance in the Army Air Corps, and her plans for a career include marriage and raising six children.

From her home in Lodi, California, Anita B. Franklin went to Stockton Junior College for her pre-nursing training, and then to Merritt Hospital in Oakland. She likes obstetrical work the best, but here again is another branch of the service that has already made claim, for she is engaged to a young man in the Merchant Marine. Anita started her career as a physical education major, but decided that she liked nursing better, and so joined the Cadet Nurse Corps. In her spare time she likes to ski up in the Sierras.

Evelyn R. Esola, a brown-eyed, black-haired beauty, is a native San Franciscan, who has two brothers in the service, one in the Sea Bees and one in the Naval Air Corps. She originally intended to be a doctor, but the family were not too enthusiastic, so she compromised by going into nursing. She took her preliminary work at the Stanford University School of Nursing, and will be the first of our cadets to be through, as she finishes in October. After the war she hopes to go on and finish her medical traiinng, specializing in psychiatry. While she likes all sports, her main joy, outside of her work, is in riding, and since she has done it all her life, we imagine she is quite an expert.

Joan B. Larum, whose blue eyes and blonde hair give away her Norwegian ancestry, is another San Franciscan. Joan never had any doubt about what she wanted to do when she grew up, so she quite naturally went into the Cadet Corps as soon as she was old enough. She likes the surgical work the most, and unless marriage intervenes intends to continue in her chosen career. An obtuse fortune-teller told her that she wouldn't be married, but we assert that one look in her mirror should convince her of the stupidity of that prophecy. Miss Larum took her training at French hospital in San Francisco. She has two brothers in the army who have just returned from a three-year tour of duty in Alaska. She intends to decide, while she is at Letterman, whether or not she will become a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

Another of the girls to come from the Providence Hospital College of nursing in Oakland, is Clarita Jane Wood of Santa Rosa, California. She represents the third, and only successful attempt on the part of her mother to have one of her three daughters go into nursing. Big sister declined, middle sister didn't, but Clarita did, and she loves the work, and also Letterman. Clarita also has a brother in the Army Air Corps. If the finance who is now with the army in England does not return before her graduation date in February, Clarita plans to go into the Army Nurses Corps. If he does—Clarita's plans may be changed. For recreation, beside writing letters to the man in England, she enjoys swimming and tennis.

June E. Haight also came from the Providence College of Nursing. Her home is in Oakland. June is quite definite about her intention to carry on with nursing, specializing in surgery. Also June is another of the cadets to whom the choice of a career was never any puzzle. From the time she was a small child, she has always known just what she wanted to do, and now she is well on the way to be-

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MORE ABOUT NEW CADET NURSES

ing a full-fledged nurse. Like most of the cadets, she is athletically inclined, and loves swimming and hiking.

Ethel Mildred Spencer, the only redhead in our latest group, comes from Seacliff Aptos, California, and had her training at Merritt Hospital School of Nursing in Oakland. She wanted to study nursing, because she felt that it would be a good background for anything she wanted to take up later. She particularly likes obstetrical work, and after the war hopes to go back to the University of California and get her Public Health Nursing degree. Ethel has a brother in the navy who has been in the South Pacific for over six months now. For an avocation she likes music, and plays the piano herself.

Joyce Vivian Mitchell has the distinction of being the only girl in the group to have been born outside the State. Joyce comes from Toronto Canada, although her home at present is in Los Angeles. Her brother is a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and Joyce is rather inclined to think that she would like to become a member of the Army Nurse corps and go overseas herself. She studied at Marys Help College of Nursing, and has already decided that she likes obstetrical work best, and would like to make nursing her career. She also likes to make records and to ice-skate.

Merritt Hospital School of Nursing also contributed Phyllis D. Tindell to Letterman. Her home is in Piedmont, and she had always wanted to be either a doctor or a nurse. She had found work in surgery most interesting. When she has served her pledged duration and six she intends to go back to school and take her degree in Public Health nursing. Like the rest of the girls, Phyllis is fond of outdoor sports with special emphasis on swimming and tennis. Her brother is with Army anti-aircraft in Texas.

The only member of the Cadet Corps missing from the picture is Elda Pauline Vacchini, from Hanford, California, who came to Letterman from Marys Help College of Nursing, but who was absent because of illness in the family at the time the picture was taken.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF SAN FRANCISCO DONATE ARTS AND SKILLS SHOP

On Saturday afternoon, Aug. 12, the same day that the Station Hospital of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation was consolidated with Letterman, a new penthouse Arts and Skills shop was dedicated on the roof of the hospital at 1590 Broadway. The shop, used for the Red Cross Arts and Skills program, was donated to the hospital by the Knights Templar of San Francisco.

Right Eminent Sir George L. Edmondson, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of California, delivered the dedication speech in behalf of California Commandery 1, the Golden Gate Commandery 16, and San Francisco Commandery 41, the three units of Knights Templar responsible for the donation of the structure. A plaque which will be affixed to the building later was presented by Sir George to Brig. Gen. C. H. Kells, commanding general of the Port of Embarkation, with the statement that the building is for the use of wounded and ill service men, "regardless of color, creed, or race." In response, Gen. Kells declared: "Here is a real thought for those who suffer and are waiting to return to health."

Mrs. Dorothy Wright Liebes of San Francisco, national director of the Arts and Skills program, followed the General with a discourse on the development of arts and skills as a Red Cross project. Pointing out that the program was administered in each institution by a "highly professional volunteer skilled group," she declared that America today is art conscious and that Europe is no longer regarded as the source of all artistic culture. She concluded by introducing Mrs. William Kent, Jr., chairman of the San Francisco Arts and Skills Corps, who spoke of individual arts and skills and expressed her gratitude to the Army, the community, the Knights Templar, the hospital and the soldiers.

Lt. Col. Charles E. Cocks, Jr., commanding officer of the Station Hospital, introduced the principal speakers. He also introduced Brig. Gen. Wallace DeWitt, Port Surgeon; Joseph Garry, chairman of the Patriotic Activities Committee of the Knights Templar, and Mrs. D. J. Tight, co-ordinator of the arts and skills project at the hospital. The Camp Knight band, substituting for the Ft. Mason band, opened the program with the General's March and the National Anthem. Representatives of the three commanderies attending in uniforms of the order, presented swords at the entrance of Generals Kells and DeWitt. At the close of the addresses, the band played "Onward Christian Soldiers" as a tribute to the Templars.

Visiting officers, Knights Templar, and other visitors made a tour of inspection of the Arts and Skills shop at the conclusion of the program. Refreshments were served after the tour of inspection, in the patients' solarium.



GENERAL KELLS SPEAKING

At dedication ceremonies for the Arts and Skills Shop donated to annex of Letterman General Hospital by the Knights Templar of San Francisco. L. to R.—Brig. Gen. Wallace De Witt, Right Eminent Sir George L. Edmondson, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of California; Brig. Gen. C. H. Kells, Lt. Col. Chas. E. Cocks, M. C., Lt. Col. C. T. Harris, and in back, Mrs. Dorothy Wright Liebes.

Extremities Most Likely To Be Hit Say Statistics

Despite the increased ferocity of the present war the number of war wounds to the arms and legs—major injury in battle—is not greater now than in any other war of America's history, it is indicated in reports by medical officers to Brig. Gen. Fred S. Rankin, U. S. Army, chief consultant in surgery to Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General of the Army.

Comparative figures indicate wounds of the extremities constituted 70.8 per cent of all combat injuries in the Civil War and 76.5 of all combat wounds in the World War. In the present war, 70 per cent of all battle wounds are wounds of the extremities.

Doctors thus know that if a man is going to be wounded in conflict the chance is seven out of ten that the wound will be in the arm or leg, just as it has always been. This percentage remains the same as in the past, despite the greatly increased use of land mines in the present war.

Land mines, because of their great explosive charge, are one of the most rightly feared of all military weapons in this war. There is no effort to minimize the dangers of land mine injuries in the report. Their detonations literally crush the leg or arm in some cases, and amputations may be the only answer.

Yet better surgery, plasma injections to reduce death by shock, and the sulfa drugs and penicillin combine to produce an excellent recovery record.

Great gains in non-infectious recovery from wounds of the extremities are now achieved by surgical debribement—the cleaning up of a deep wound by cutting away the underlying damaged tissues while doing a minimum of damage to the skin.

After the debridement operation the wound is sterilized and packed with petroleum-coated gauze and the leg or arm immobilized in a splint or cast. Rapid recovery follows in a high percentage of cases.

Moreover, and most important for complete recovery later, the Army surgeons anchor and identify the ends of any nerve trunks which may be severed by the injury, a happening which occurs in about 12 to 15 per cent of the cases.

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Ave atque Vale

The words of the ancient Roman greeting — Hail and Farewell—seem to be appropriate for the events transpiring this week within our midst.

We HAIL Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman as he assumes command of Letterman General Hospital. He is no stranger to these precincts and to him we believe it is a home coming. For four years he served here as the Chief of the Medical Service and contributed much to the maintenance of what is known throughout the Medical Department as the "Letterman Tradition." That tradition had its origin in the long standing practice of doing everything just a little better here than the best elsewhere. With General Hillman in command the "Letterman Tradition" will continue to be the criterion of quality in the service rendered here.

We bid a fond AU REVOIR to Brigadier General Frank W. Weed who will soon retire from active service after more than forty years with the Regular Army. He steps out as the dean of the Medical Detachment—the senior officer in length of service. Those of us who have been closely associated with him at Letterman during his tour of command have known him as an able administrator endowed with those attributes of head and heart found only in the true gentleman. Into retired life he takes with him our best wishes for length of days in peace and contentment.

Ave atque vale.



A welcome is extended this week to Second Lieutenant **Alice C. Atteberry**—newcomer to the Letterman nursing staff. Lieut. Atteberry claims Michigan City, Indiana, as her home and received her early education there. Her professional training was received at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, Illinois, and she continued on there for some time and then followed private nursing until May 14, 1943, when she entered service in the Army Nurse Corps at Springfield, Illinois. Lieut. Atteberry has been stationed at Battle Creek, Mich., Ft. Eustis, Va., Pamona, Calif., and now at Letterman.

Her favorite form of relaxation, she tells us, is reading.

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With ten days leave, 1st Lieutenant **Mary E. Tyrell** will go home to visit with her family.

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Also on a few days leave is Lieutenant **Doris V. Ripoli,** who has been spending her time with her husband recently returned from overseas.

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Something new has been added and the third floor of the Army Navy Club has been opened to the ladies of the Armed Forces who are officers.

At a reception last week, at the Club, members of the nursing staff here at Letterman were informed of organization for the officers of the women's branches of the Armed Forces who will be entitled to all privileges of the Army Navy Club here in San Francisco.

Peter B. Kyne, president of the club, gave a welcoming address, and a social evening followed with dancing and refreshments.

A plan is being originated whereby the different branches of the service will play hostess at the club on various evenings. For an evening of pleasure and entertainment — all nurses are invited to visit the club at 560 Sutter Street in San Francisco.

Covington, Ky. (CNS) — Mrs. Lillian McDaniel won an annulment of her marriage to a husband she met on a bus after testifying that they were married when the bus reached its destination, but she never saw her husband again.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Captain **Benjamin W. Lafene** reading up on jiu jitsu in anticipation of an instructor's job in defense work.

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Major **Edward Campion** back from leave with scorched chin. Bad thing to lead with.

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A new growth on the upper lip of Major **Franklin B. Bogart.** Seems as though X-ray does help in some cases.

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Colonel **James Crawford** reporting progress from his bed on Ward A-1.

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Miss **Ruth Johnston,** former S. & W. aide, dropping in to tell her one time associates she had gone over to the enemy. Joined the WAVES.

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Jan Garber—the Idol of the Airlanes—entertaining in the patio on Thursday through the good will of the Coca-Cola Company.

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Major **L. R. Williams** supervising a splendid clean up job at the Recreation Center.

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Corporal **Harry Brix** helping to get more pay for one of the staff—and doing it with his usual smile.

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Major **Leslie D. Snyder** extending his control activities to his personal affairs. He can now get two days out of one cigar—with the help of his pipe.

Coast Guard Wants Temporary Duty Men

New York (CNS)—Hey, soldier! Hey you from Brooklyn! Got any healthy relatives back home?

If you have and if they have any spare time, tell them to sign up with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, which is seeking 2,000 men to serve in the New York area as members of the Coast Guard Reserve.

Men who join as temporary reserves will remain civilians. For 24 hours a week, however, they are given full military authority and they wear regulation uniforms, performing all the duties of the regular Coast Guard in this area. Eligible are men over 17 who are American citizens of average physical fitness and not immediately subject to selective service.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, July 30, 1944.

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

MORE ABOUT BRIG. GEN. HILLMAN

General Hillman is no stranger to Letterman as he served here as the Chief of the Medical Service for a period of four years prior to 1939 when he was ordered to Washington for duty in the Office of the Surgeon General. The following year he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. For the past five years General Hillman has been Chief of Professional Services in the Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D. C.

In taking command of the Letterman General Hospital, he will succeed Brigadier General Frank W. Weed, who will soon retire. General Weed is a native of Maryland and graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School. He interned at the University Hospital in Baltimore and was commissioned in the Army. He then attended the Army Medical School and immediately after graduating was assigned to duty in the Philippines. He served in France during the First World War. In 1921 he was detailed to work on the medical and surgical history of the World War.

For ten months he was Surgeon, Fort Mills, Corregidor, and for eighteen months commanded the Sternberg General Hospital in Manila. On his return to the United States he was assigned as Surgeon, U. S. Military Academy, West Point. In June of 1942 he assumed command of Letterman General Hospital.

General Weed was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for highly meritorious service during the First World War, and the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Medal for distinguished and meritorious service in the present war.

BUCK OF THHE WEEK



DICK R. JUNGMAN
Private, Medical Corps

Recently arrived at Letterman from Camp Stoneman is Private Dick R. Jungman selected as 'Buck of this week.'

Private Jungman was born in the 'windy city' of Chicago, Illinois, on the 20th of December 1923. Practically all of his early days were spent in Chicago where he attended the Sullivan High School studying a prescribed general course and participated in the school track activities. In 1942 his father received a captaincy in the U. S. Army, thus it was necessary for the family to move to St. Louis, Missouri, where 'our buck' finished his schooling at the University City High School.

Upon graduation from high school Pvt. Jungman experienced only a short period of civilian employment before being called to join the armed forces. He was inducted into the Army at Fort Sheridan, Ill., but was sent on to Camp Barkeley, Texas, for his basic training where he remained for three months. He was sent to Fort Douglas, Utah, where he received assignment to Supply section and stayed here for six months. He was again sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas, where he received an eight-week training course in preparation for assignment with the Medical Department.

Pvt. Jungman was then assigned to a medical ship platoon and sent to Camp Stoneman where he ultimately received a furlough. When he returned from his furlough he received his transfer to Letterman where he is now on duty on ward "G."

Pvt. Jungman's hobby is building model railroads. Up to the time that he entered the Army—and two years prior to that—all of his spare time had been spent in completing a railroad.

After the war, 'our buck' plans to go into business with his father.

OFFICERS' COURTESY BUREAU FILLS MANY NEEDS FOR TRANSIENTS HERE

Only agency of its kind operated by the Red Cross in the United States, the Officers' Courtesy Bureau of the San Francisco Chapter provides information, hospitality and courtesy services to officers of all the allied nations through its facilities located in five major hotels in the city.

Although it has made as many as 10,000 contacts in one month the courtesy bureau hopes to expand its services as more men become familiar with what it can do for them, Mrs. Leroy H. Briggs, chairman, declared in inviting all officers in San Francisco to utilize its facilities.

Its services are available to men and women officers and cadets of the allied nations and their families. Desks are maintained at the Hotel Fairmont, Hotel Mark Hopkins, and Sir Francis Drake Hotel, while additional facilities are located at the Palace Hotel and the Hotel St. Francis.

Hostesses at any of the hotels are prepared to do shopping, make appointments, contact friends, secure housing information, attend to laundry and mending, take messages, arrange entertainment, forward mail, arrange guest cards at clubs and secure home town papers as a convenience to officers. The bureau at the Fairmont and Mark Hopkins are open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. daily, while those at the other hotels open at 11 A. M.

In addition to the routine services available at all the desks, the Hotel St. Francis and Palace Hotel have lounges in which the officers may relax, read and play cards. At the Palace Hotel bureau, located in room 2060 on the second floor, are shaving and bathing facilities provided with the compliments of the hotel and several beds for which the hotel makes a small charge.

Men passing through San Francisco, here for only a few hours and unable to get a hotel room, are urged to come to the Officers' Courtesy Bureau at the Palace Hotel, for there they can rest and bathe and check their luggage during their brief stay. For those who want a place in which to relax for a few hours, it also offers easy chairs, books and magazines, and card games.

Probably the most utilized service of the bureau is its information desks. At each one is an always expanding book, alphabetized and cross indexed, containing facts to answer every conceivable type of question. Checked monthly for accuracy, the book is in constant use answering queries on local restaurants, stores, schools, transportation facilities and hundreds of other subjects, many unusual.

The Officers' Courtesy Bureau is staffed by 250 volunteer hostesses who take shifts of several hours on certain days. Although handling $500 worth of laundry a month through the Fairmont Hotel desk has become routine, the hostesses are always prepared for the unexpected, a fact demonstrated by women on duty at the Palace Hotel one day who arranged a wedding, complete with cake and champagne, in two hours.



SURPRISE
The man with the big eyes is not Eddie Cantor.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



SGT. LEWIN S. VILLA

The Reconditioning Officer called Sgt. Lewin S. Villa into his office one morning recently and asked him: "Villa, do you know how to broadcast?" and Vill promptly answered: "Sir, I can't say." "What do you mean, you can't say?" says the R. O. and Villa replies: "Well, sir, I never tried."

So now we have a new broadcasting voice heard each morning over the P. A. system during which the program for the day is outlined and the men in the reconditioning course get a reminder of what is ahead and they may plan to get their aches and ills functioning at the most convenient time.

Villa has been around Letterman a long time for this day and age and ever since he joined us he has been a most willing worker. He helped put the post exchange on a working basis, then moved in the FOGHORN staff and set that to rights. Now he is a valuable member of the small group doing a grand job on the reconditioning program.

The sergeant never misses a chance to do a little fishing and he enjoys it for two reasons—the other is it gives a respite from the inspiration talks of his pal "Goldie." He says Herb is all right but—

He had a reputation as a radio repairman until Goldie disclosed that he formerly sold the gadgets but never did learn what made them work. We believe Villa could repair radios but out of deference to Sgt. Chauncy Young he plans to stick to broadcasting.

For some reason no one ever calls him "Pancho." Who knows why?

Seattle (CNS)—Fishing in Puget Sound, Harry Howard hooked a salmon. Then a seal swallowed the salmon. The seal gave Harry a 25-minute battle but finally he landed it—for the oddest catch of the year.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to Private Dallas M. Herring who joined the detachment during the past week.

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Furloughs for the week were issued to the following men of the detachment: Private Carmine J. Lepore with 24 days; Private Edward A. Icenogle and Private John Hoosac each with 23 days; Technician 5th grade Randall K. Rumble, Private Robert V. Jacobs and Private Erik D. Flamer, 17 days.

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Interesting to See:

Cpl. Warren Altman discovering that even corporals have to wash windows these days.

T/3rd Gr. Charles "Lucky" Wilcox trying his hand at billiards and showing the experts the best way to shoot with your eyes closed.

1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams learning that there are also some sharks in the sport of bowling.

Cpl. Gordon L. Lockwood now working in the Charge of Quarters office at Crissy Field.

T/4th Gr. Dean "Pop" Latimer taking it easy these days as a patient on ward E-1.

Pvt. Elmer A. Forkner and Pvt. Francis E. Gorman spending their extra time remembering the "good old days" spent in Oregon and Palm Springs.

Pvt. Thomas L. Manker taking Pvt. Obie Skinner into town for his first visit after being stationed here for two years.

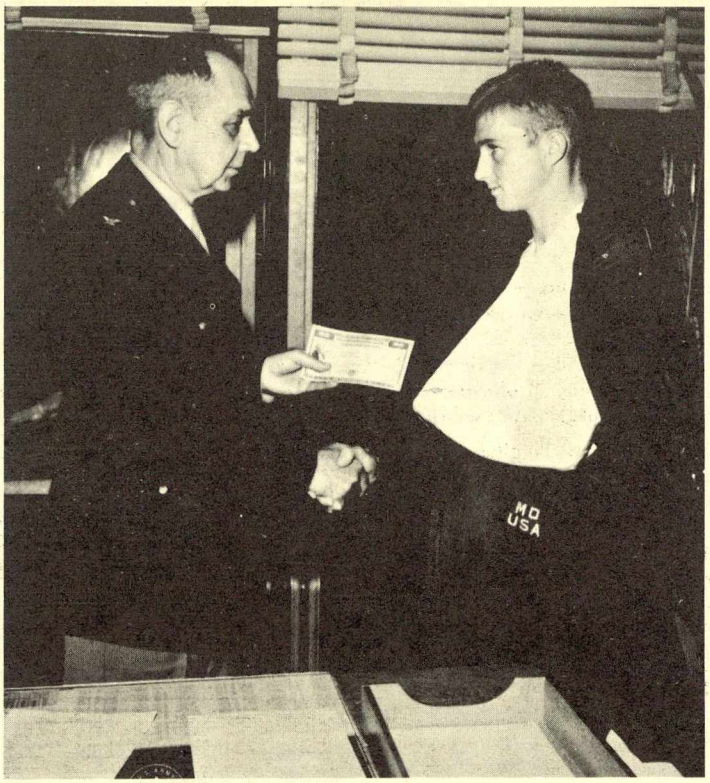
Sgt. Lewin S. Villa spending his leisure time getting in condition for his radio broadcasts.

T/4th Gr. Alvin H. Seger taking in the Ice Follies and wondering if what they skate on is real ice.

T/5th Gr. Charles Hackett, after two years in the service receiving the notice from his draft-board that he can no longer be deferred.

Pvt. Robert C. Anderson keeping busy these days by writing the music arrangements for the Letterman Band.

BONDS FOR BULLETS AND HABBESTAD GOT A BULLET THERE—A BOND HERE



WAR BOND AWARD

Co. Brown S. McClintic, Executive Officer, presenting War Bond donated by "Jake" Caulfield, Oakland infielder, to Pfc. Arther Habbestad, wounded veteran from Anzio beachhead.

Being at the receiving end of a war bond instead of bullets was a new experience for Pfc. Arthur L. Habbestad when on Tuesday afternoon he was presented with a War Bond in the office of the Executive Officer.

Colonel Brown S. McClintic made the presentation with a few appropriate remarks and the event was recorded for posterity by one of our Signal Corps cameramen.

This particular War Bond has a history. It was first purchased by the Howard Terminals of Oakland in connection with the Fifth War Loan drive and offered as a prize to the player making the first two base hit in a special War Bond game between Oakland and San Diego teams of the Pacific Coast League.

The man who made the first two base hit was "Jake" Caulfield, Oakland infielder, and he very generously expressed the wish to pass on the bond to a wounded war veteran. The offer was repeated in a letter to Letterman and Pvt. Habbestad selected to receive the bond.

The new bond owner is a native of Oakland and a graduate of Technical High School of that city. He enlisted in the army in December 1942, and after a brief stay at Monterey, was sent to Fort Jackson in South Carolina. Being eager to get going he whipped through basic training and in less than average time he was bound for overseas to join an Infantry outfit.

Casablanca, Tunisia, Messina, Salerno, Anzio were all stops on his itinerary. After 59 days on the beach head at Anzio he was stopped himself—and a machine gun did it. But not before the enemy nest was obliterated. Then he began to back track homeward. First to a hospital in Naples, then Bizerte, next Tunisia, and sailing from Oran on a hospital ship to Charleston, S. C. It was an ambulance plane that brought him out to Letterman.

He is making favorable progress under the skillful care of Captain Donald Pratt and he hopes before long to have that pitching arm in shape to give "Jake" Caulfield another chance to hit a two bagger—if he can.

MORE ABOUT EXTREMITIES

At the first evacuation center the surgeon does either of two things when he finds nerves broken. He may loosely join the two nerve ends —not trying to draw them closely together—with fine wire of tantalum metal, or he can anchor the nerve ends with threads of silk and add a couple of stitches of tantalum wire to mark the site. Either course prevents the nerves from retracting and drawing back into the tissues as they would normally do.

The wound is then allowed to heal normally and later—at some general hospital in the rear area or in the United States—the nerve specialists repair the severed nerve.

Ordinarily identification of the nerve ends would be difficult, but the use of the metallic tantalum wire easily shows the location of the nerve ends under X-ray examination.

Stockbridge, Mass. (CNS)—Mrs. John Decker has filed suit for divorce from her husband. Grounds for the plea: Hubby kept six skunks in their home.

Army Starts Building Jet-Power Engines

New York (CNS) — The Army is going strong for the production of jet-power engines, according to a report released recently by the General Electric company with the permission of the War Department.

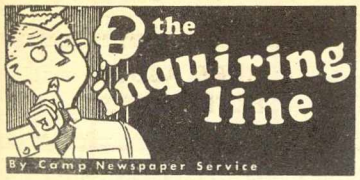
General Electric has announced that it will devote 600,000 feet of floor space to manufacture the turbines.

Steel Foxhole Cover Saves Soldier's Life

France (CNS) — Pvt. Sam Gwin, of Great Falls, S. C., dug a foxhole and covered it with a steel plate from a captured German armored car. Then he fell asleep inside. A few minutes later an 88 shell landed smack on top of the plate and rang it like a cowbell. Gwin was unhurt.

Big-Footed Seabee Gets Wooden Brogans

South Pacific (CNS)—A sad sack of a Seabee here was walking around barefoot for weeks because no one could supply him with his shoe size—a neat 14½. His problem was solved by the natives, however, who built a pair for him out of canvas and wood.



Q. I'm a resident of New Jersey, one of the 20 states which authorizes the use of the Federal ballot by servicemen. At present I am stationed at a camp in Oregon. May I use the Federal ballot or is it for the use of soldiers overseas only?

A. You may NOT use the Federal ballot. Paragraph 2A, WD 302, issued 17 July 1944 states that the Federal ballot may NOT be furnished to citizens of the 20 states that now authorize its use who are stationed inside the U. S.

Q. My brother, who is only 17, just enlisted in the Army by falsifying his age. How can I get him out.

A. Because he is over 16, your brother cannot be discharged for minority until one of his parents or his guardian applies for the discharge.

GI Insurance Totals $117 Billions

Washington (CNS)—The Veterans' Administration now has become the world's largest life insurance company. It has policies worth $117,670,000,000 outstanding for men and women in the service.

JOLTING JOE

Joltin' Joe DiMaggio's big bat is as fat as ever. Playing centerfield for the 7th AAF in Hawaii, he recently clubbed four homers in four games and has a batting average of .441 for 34 times at bat. . . . Johnny Vander Meer, of Sampson, and Virgil Trucks, of Great Lakes, are the two hottest pitchers in the Navy. Fireball Johnny has fanned 55 men in 45 innings and Trucks, who has an earned run average of 0.73, has whiffed batters at the rate of 1.43 an inning. . . . Randy Gumpert, formerly of the A's, recently pitched a perfect game for the Coast Guard Dolphins at New London, Conn. Not a batter reached base against Randy. . . . The Boston Red Sox bid for a pennant took a terrible set-back when Pitcher Tex Hughson, Second Baseman Bobby Doerr, and Infielder Jim Tabor were called for pre-induction physicals. . . . Three Boston Braves, Max Macon, Stan Klopp and Chet Ross, have been classified 1A, and so have Max Marshall, Reds, Preacher Roe, Pittsburgh, Nappy Reyes, Giants, and Mickey Owen, Dodgers. . . . Tommy Loughran, 41-year-old former Philadelphia "dancing master" and ex-light heavyweight king of the world, is expecting a discharge from the Marines as overage.

CADET NURSES WELCOME THE NEW ASST. DIRECTOR—LIEUT. BARBIER



Lieut. EVELYN BARBIER, A. N. C.
New Assistant Director of Cadet Nurses

A very gracious young lady, who has been a school girl in England, France, and Switzerland, today finds herself laying down the law in her capacity as assistant director of cadets to the young ladies of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps assigned to Letterman Hospital.

The young lady is Lieutenant Evelyn Barbier, Army Nurse Corps, who joined us this week by transfer from the Fort Ord Regional Hospital. Lieut. Barbier is a veteran of over three years service in the ANC, most of which time was spent at the Panama Canal Zone with stations at Amador, Clayton, Gulick. She went there from her first station at Fort Jackson to which she reported early in 1941.

Lieut. Barbier claims France as the land of her birth. It happened in a small town near Boulogne, a hamlet as yet unknown to fame which she refrains from naming because no one ever heard of the practice prevalent among New Englanders born within a hundred miles of Boston. They name the Hub as the city of birth and if one is brash enough to ask "What Part?" the reply is generally Lowell or Springfield.

Our new assistant director of cadet nurses took a bachelor's degree in law at the University of Geneva, which is in Switzerland, and followed that with two years of post graduate work in the same study at the University of Paris. In her early youth she went to school in England and learned to understand English as it is spoken over there. She is equally competent in French, and German, while able to get along in Italian and Spanish.

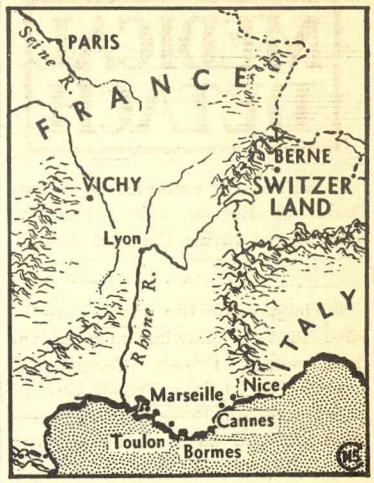
The lieutenant took her training in the nursing profession at Roosevelt Hospital in New York and was on the staff of the Columbia Medical Center following her graduation and until she signed up for the army.

Despite her facility with so many languages she is very much on the quiet side but smilingly answers questions. Our reporter asked enough questions to get the story as it appears here yet we imagine she could tell some very interesting tales if caught in the mood to talk. A morning hour is no time to interview people.

Lieut. Barbier has a personality that will appeal to the young ladies under her charge, and it is not so long since she was a student nurse, hence she will have a sympathetic approach to the solution of the problems of the "probies" or undergraduate nurses.

Comment ce va? Tres Bien, merci, e vous?

New Front in France



(Mat 104-635—Stencil 106)

American, British and French forces slicing through southern France are aimed at a junction with other Allied troops in the north. The second French invasion front opened Aug. 15 with amphibious landings at Bormes.

War's End Not Near, Adm. Munroe Warns

New York (CNS)—Military defeat of Nazi Germany won't mean the end of the war—not by a long sight.

That, at least, is the opinion Rear Adm. William R. Munroe, commandant of the Third Naval District, voiced in a speech before graduates of the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School at Columbia University recently.

Despite military successes in Europe, it may be years before we gain final victory over Japan, Adm. Munroe said.

"The day of that final assault upon Japan itself is still in the future," he added. "Whatever our progress in Europe, the Pacific War still stretches many hard months—perhaps years—ahead of us in spite of the bold thrusts of recent days.

"The picture is brighter now than it has been since the war began," the admiral stated. "We still have a long way to go, but we are on our way. Everywhere—with new weapons and with all the ancient tenacity and fanaticism of mankind—our enemies are fighting back. But everywhere we are moving forward."

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Stop Me If You've Heard This One Before

When Tony Cuccinello was playing second base for the Brooklyn Dodgers, he was the champion cigar smoker of the National League. In fact, his fondness for Philadelphia two-fers finally cost him his job with our Bums.

It happened one day when Tony tried to go from first to third on a single to right. He was tagged out standing up.

"Why didn't you slide?" inquired Casey Stengel, who was coaching at third.

"What!" bellowed Tony, "and break my cigars?"

That winter Casey sold Tony down the river to Boston.

You never can tell in baseball. The Ft. Sheridan (Ill.) nine lost 17 of its first 19 games against competition with other service teams, then turned around and beat the Chicago White Sox, 8-6. . . . And the Great Lakes Bluejackets had won 16 straight and 39 out of 40 before they bowed to the Brooklyn Dodgers who occupy the National League cellar. . . . Roberto Ortiz and Fermino Guerra, Puerto Rican ball players with the Washington Senators, have returned to that team after jumping the club when threatened with induction into the U. S. Army. Ortiz and Guerra now say they will play until called in the draft. . . . Slingin' Sammy Baugh, the sweet-singin' slinger from Sweetwater, Tex., is not only the best forward passer in football but he's also pretty tricky with a rope. He won the calf roping contest at the annual Texas cowboy reunion, snapping his calf in 17.5 seconds.

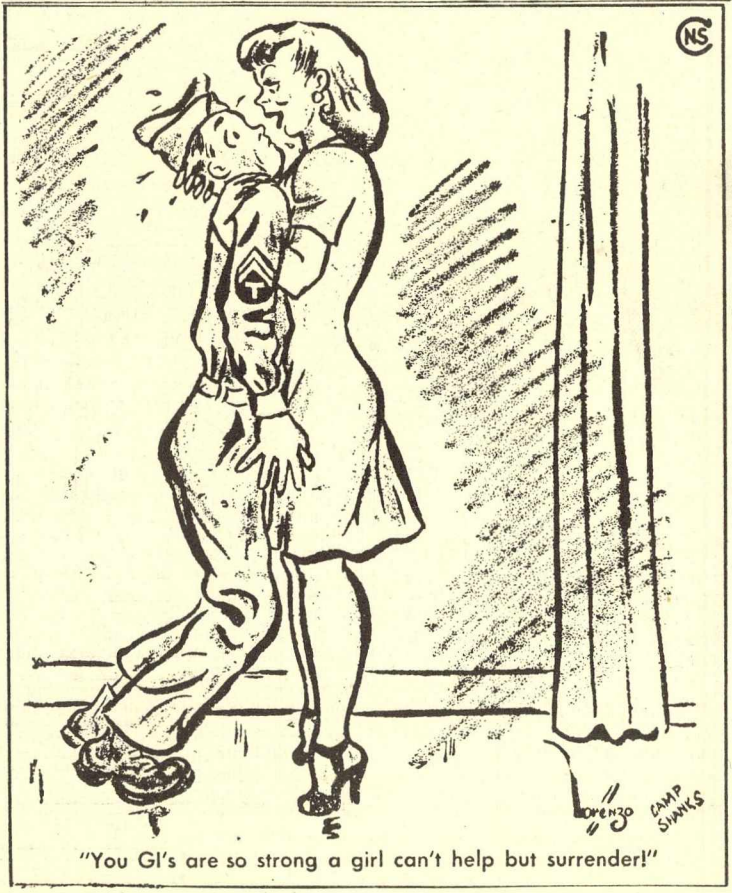
Ernesto Natali Lombardi, the nose that walks like a man, snored with such fervor that no one would room with the fellow, despite the fact that he was the most popular player on the New York Giants.

All's well with Ernest now, however. He finally has a roomy —Pitcher Bill Voiselle, who's so deaf he has been classified 4F by his draft board.

Salida, Cal. (CNS)—The Board of Education has hired three men to take care of the heating problem at Salida's schools next winter. Their names are Cole, Wood and Sparks.



When the Yanks landed in Normandy on D-Day, they began fighting on soil on which the blood of battle was first spilled in 820 A.D., when Scandinavian seafarers attacked and overran the peninsula. These Norsemen became the ancestors of the Normans, who gave their name to the region and conquered England in 1066. A land of small farms, apple orchards, dirt-walled hedegrows and famed Percheron horses. Normandy is about the size of Maryland. It is bordered by Brittany whose Brest and St. Nazaire, home of the German submarine pens, were the great American supply bases and troop ports in the First World War.



"You GI's are so strong a girl can't help but surrender!"

News From Home

Biloxi, Miss. (CNS) — Hard pressed for manpower, one local semi-pro baseball team has a 12-year-old shortstop in its lineup.

Dallas, Tex. (CNS)—A post office clerk received a card demanding a reason for his absence from work one day. "Sunburned so badly I couldn't wear my pants," he wrote.

Danville, Ill. (CNS)—Charlie Derr, a local boilermaker, is making the war pay off for him—and being patriotic as well. Ever since Pearl Harbor he has invested 100 per cent of his salary in war bonds, and lived on the income from rooms rented to war workers.

San Francisco (CNS) — San Francisco has six more policewomen to its traffic force. All have been given three-wheeled motorcycles.

Flushing, N. Y. (CNS)—Mrs. Susan Lowe left an estate of $20,000 to three sons, but to make sure that care of the money remained in feminine hands, she named as executors her three daughters-in-law.

Livingston Manor, N. Y. (CNS) —A guest entered a hotel here and handed the bellhop his suitcase and a quarter. The bellhop gave them both back, with an additional quarter. "If you'll handle your own bags," he said, "I'll give you a quarter. Here comes a gentleman who always tips me a dollar."

New York (CNS) — Alphonse Sauri, 19, dropped in to call on Mrs. Irma Hernandez, a wealthy Castillian beauty. While visiting he copped her diamond ring, popped it into his mouth and swallowed it. After he had left, she missed the ring and had her young friend arrested. A fluoroscope located the missing jewel.

Philadelphia (CNS) — Artie Phillips is nuts about automobiles. Within one month he has stolen 22 cars and one tractor, police say. "I just love to ride around," he explained when caught.

Portland, Ore. (CNS)—Police here are seeking a burglar who has been breaking into local kitchens of late. A hungry fellow, he steals nothing but food.

Rochester, N. Y. (CNS)—A lady war worker has appealed to her ration board for permission to cease sharing the ride with another employee of her plant. This person always changes his pants in the back seat of her car, she claims.

Salt Lake City (CNS)—Warden J. H. Harr has warned the inmates of Utah State Prison not to use the time-honored cry "We Wuz Robbed" at prison ball games. Both umpires, the warden explained, were serving stretches for robbery.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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New Hospital To Be Named in Memory of Colonel Madigan

Activation at Fort Lewis, Washington, of a new army general hospital, designated as Madigan General Hospital, named in memory of the late Colonel Patrick S. Madigan, Medical Corps, has been announced at Ninth Service Command headquarters.

All Army overseas patients arriving at the Seattle port will be evacuated to the new hospital for processing and transfer to other general hospitals in the interior for further treatment. Whenever feasible, a patient will be transferred after a short period to a general hospital in the vicinity of his home.

Prior to the establishment of the new hospital, the evacuation of overseas patients from Seattle presented a difficult problem, since there was no general hospital located within a convenient radius. However, patients now may be transferred easily from the port to the hospital for processing, and then be sent to other general hospitals by hospital train or transport plane.

Col. Arthur R. Gaines, former commanding officer at McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Wash., has been designated commanding officer of the new medical installation.

Existing station hospital facilities at Fort Lewis have been absorbed by the general hospital, which will accommodate 3,800 patients. Debarkation procedure will form only one phase of the hospital's functions, as it will be completely equipped for all types of medical treatment.

Other Ninth Service Command medical installations which also serve as debarkation hospitals are Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, and Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif.



Brig. Gen. RAYMOND W. BLISS
Assistant Surgeon General, U. S. Army
Who, in company with Brig. Gen. Fred Rankin, was a Letterman visitor this week.

HIGH RED CROSS OFFICIAL SEES LETTERMAN AT WORK

Miss Mary Rose Ryan, National Director for American Red Cross Hospital Services overseas, was a Letterman visitor on Thursday of this week. Miss Ryan has long been associated with Medical Department activities and is well known to most of the senior officers of the Medical Corps of the Regular Army.

General Hillman extended a gracious welcome to the visitor and a tour of the hospital facilities followed under the guidance of Lieut. Elizabeth E. Reese, Public Relations Officer for the command.

Miss Ruth Johnson, acting Field Director, outlined the Red Cross program maintained here and the distinguished visitor expressed admiration for the performance of duties by our local staff.

White Uniforms of Army Nurses Soon To Be No More

The traditional nurse's white uniform, for years the trademark of graduate registered nurses in the United States, is being discarded by the Army in favor of brown and white pin stripe for wear in Army hospitals. This will not apply to contract civilian nurses in Army hospitals or to civilian registry nurses on special duty with private patients in Army hospitals.

Since the Army Nurse Corps was established in 1901 the Army nurse uniform has been white. The first regulation called for a "waist and skirt of suitable white material, adjustable white cuffs, bishop collar, white apron and cap according to patterns and specifications in The Surgeon General's Office." This uniform was worn with a large green enamel cross with a gilt edge pinned on the left side of the collar. Styles changed to conform to modern ideas, but white remained the color of choice.

The new uniform adopted by the Army has been worn only in overseas theaters. It is easily laundered, has a conventional color, is neat and trim looking, has no buttons to be lost, does not wrinkle, does not require starching or pressing, and does not necessitate extensive alterations for size as did the white uniforms.

Officers of the Army Nurse Corps commissioned since the Bolton bill was signed last June 22 will not need to supply themselves with the white uniforms, and nurses appointed before the bill was signed will be issued the brown and white seersucker. The change becomes effective as soon as the nurse obtains the uniform.

WHERE OUR GI JOES ARE JOLTING THE JAPS--AND HOW!!!

"Thick as flies on Saipan!"

That, say the Yanks who have seen action in the Marianas islands, is crammed with more meaning than comparisons using such old favorites as hair on a dog's back and trees in a forest. All along this strategic, Western Pacific chain, but especially on Saipan, flies are legion.

Blame it on the Japs! Even Pacific island flies, raised for countless generations on dried coconut meat, prefer sweet cane sugar. Since 1921, as part of the Japanese mandate islands of Micronesia, the Marianas have been turned into highly productive sugar cane plantations by Japanese enterprise. Immigrants from Japan comprise most of the population.

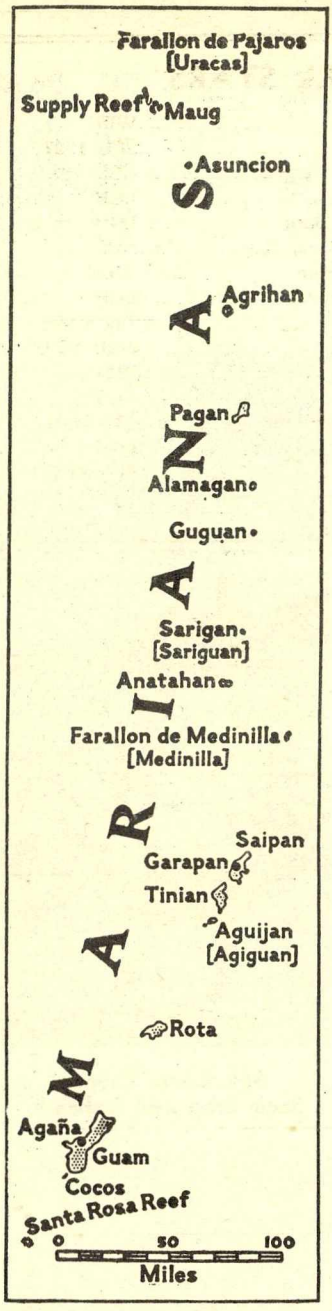
Blending Java and Formosa cane, the Japanese have developed a flourishing new cane of good size and quality. In this island group, from which virtually no exports moved throughout three centuries of Spanish influence, 1521-1898, and 15 years of German control, 1899-1914, they established a large sugar export trade.

No wonder Marianas land has been fiercely defended and reluctantly lost by the enemy. From nine or more ready-made airfields on the five principal islands named above, American super - bombers could blanket the Western Pacific.

Tokyo is 1470 miles northwest of Saipan and 1000 miles from Uracas. Manila is 1590 miles west of Guam. Eniwetok, nearest of the Yank-held Marshalls, lies 1100 miles east. The Marianas are five-sixths of the way along a looping, 7500-mile route from San Francisco via Pearl Harbor and Wake island to Tokyo.

Reaching north to the latitude of Honolulu, the Marianas have an even climate with the thermometer holding close to the 80's all year round. Humidity is high due to daily rains. Only the occasional southwest monsoons, supplanting prevailing northeast trade winds for days at a time between July and November, remind that other climes have their seasons. Earthquakes and typhoons are frequent.

The southern five islands, Guam to Saipan, differ from the northern 10 and outrank the latter in size and value. The southern islands are coral limestone, the northern islands volcanic in origin. Guam, the largest island in the chain, has an area of 206 square miles, while Saipan embraces 50 and Tinian 40 square miles.



THE MARIANAS—An important part of the island chain forming the outer defenses of Japan, the Marianas have made history under Spaniards, Germans, Japanese and Americans. Guam was ours from 1898 to 1941.

About the time of Magellan's discovery of the Marianas in 1521 there were perhaps 80,000 natives — chocolate-colored Polynesians with some Asiatic blood — in the islands. Because they swarmed over his boats and took "souvenirs" when he entered Guam port, Magellan named the discovery the Ladrones, or Robber islands.

In 1668, Spanish missionaries landed and renamed the group the Marianas for Maria Anna of Austria, widow of Philip IV of Spain. The natives resisted Spanish rule with the result that their number dropped to about 3000 by 1898, when Spain's Pacific possessions became fruits of victory for the United States. The few remaining Chamorros ("one who cuts his hair") had become intermixed with the Filipinos and Spaniards, had learned to go to mass and to play guitars.

Cautiously, America decided to keep only Guam and the Philippines. The other Marianas and the Carolines were turned back to Spain, who promptly sold them to Germany for nearly $5,000,000. Japan seized them for the Allies in 1914 and won them as a mandate at the peace table after World War I.

Thus America's Guam, largest island of Micronesia and the only one within the mandate area excluded from the Japanese mandate, lay between world wars in a great hotbed of Japanese bases. While Guam's defenses were dismantled to comply with terms of the Washington Conference, defenses of Saipan. Tinian, Truk, Ponape, Yap and others close to Guam were built by the Japanese in defiance of the agreement.

Thus the Japanese - mandated Marianas, like the Carolines, were virtually closed to the outside world for two decades prior to the Pearl Harbor attack, and were unknown to tourists. And thus Guam, although it had gained usefulness by becoming in 1935 an island station for the transpacific clippers of Pan American Airways, had a tiny naval garrison unequal to the Japanese assault that came while smoke still rose from battered ships at Pearl Harbor.

—National Geographic Society.

Second Helping

Naples (CNS) -- Discharged from the Army as overage after three years service with 18 months overseas, Percy Bartlett, 44, came right back for more. Now he's back at the front again —with the Red Cross.

Ring Lost A Boxer But Army Gained A Very Good Fighter

"The little town was buzzing with an excitement that was rare on the Kansas prairies in the early 1900's," begins an article in the September issue of Coronet magazine. The excitement centered around a slender, sturdy-legged, tow-haired youth who strode briskly along the twilight streets with a newspaper wrapped package under his arm. In it were a pair of rubber-soled shoes, a pair of boxing trunks and a sweat shirt.

The young man walked so fast that his heavy-set companion breathlessly begged him to slow down lest he wear himself out before he got to their destination . . . an improvised boxing ring where waited Frankie Brown, a professional boxer . . . stocky, thick-necked and round-headed. Outside the ring were the Kansan's friends, shouting words of encouragement, urging him to show the skill that had made him the pride of that little town.

The Kansan was lean and rangy and fast. And his excellent footwork was to his advantage. He danced back from Frankie Brown's stinging left jabs and rolled his body under the powerful right-hand punches. He realized early in the match that his only chance to win a clear-cut victory over Brown was to out-general him, Coronet relates.

But Frankie Brown was a ringmaster too. It was a clean, hard fight. A case of one natural-born fighter pitted against another who fought because he loved it. They were as evenly matched as any two boxers who had ever stepped in the ring. The bout was declared a draw and even the spectators agreed with the judges that this was the only possible decision.

After the match was over, Frankie Brown caught up with the smiling tow-head who had wrapped up his paraphernalia and was started home. They began a conversation and stopped off in a lunchroom to talk over a sandwich and a glass of milk.

Frankie Brown told his opponent how much he had admired his ring style, what a great boxer he'd make. But the other smiled. "I'm going to college and get an education, so I'll be able to carve out a career to suit my own ideas."

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BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT STARTS FRIDAY

The baseball fans of this vicinity—male and female—will have a chance to do a lot of rooting for the home team next week when a tournament will be held to determine the Army Service Forces champion and the overall champion in the Central Security District.

The tournament will be what is known as a double elimination affair with teams from Camp Cooke and Camp Beale representing the ASF and teams from Stockton Army Air Field, Presidio of San Francisco, McClellan Field, Camp Cooke, and Harbor Defenses of San Francisco to play for the overall title.



Cpl. Frank Mangone
Pitcher and power hitter

Games will be played on 8, 9 and 10 September on the Presidio diamond and the opening schedule calls for four games on the 8th with Camp Beale playing Camp Cooke, Presidio Playing Stockton, McClellan against Cooke, and two losing teams of the above in a playoff.

Weather permitting the first game will start at 0800 on Friday morning next, with the second game called at 1045, the third at 1330, and the last game for the day at 1615. Rooters will find baseball in progress all through the day and it is expected the stands will be filled for the afternoon contests.

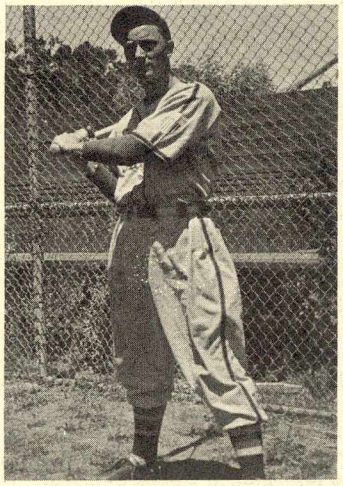
The schedule on the succeeding days will be determined by the winners of the first day continuing the eliminations until the final game to determine the championships will be played on Sunday, 10 September at 1615. A feature that will serve to maintain interest is the ground rule that any team leading by seven runs at the end of the seventh inning will be formally declared the winner of that game. This rule will preclude scores of 20 to 1 or 88 to 3.

Hereabouts there is no discussion concerning the ultimate champion team. It is settled that the Presidio All Stars will walk off with the gonfalon. This team composed of men from the Presidio, Western Defense Command, Northern California Sector, and Letterman General Hospital have had a very successful season on the local diamonds. They have been participating in the City League with some very fine teams representing the civilians of San Francisco, and also have played the best of the service teams in this area. The Presidio All Stars have won nine and lost one in the City League and their standing for the season on all games played is 32 wins and 12 losses. The presence of many big league players on the service teams in this area have given our men some very stiff opposition but they stand on the record to date.

Scores of all games played by the All Stars during the tournament will be published in the FOGHORN in coming issues.

PRESIDIO ALL STARS

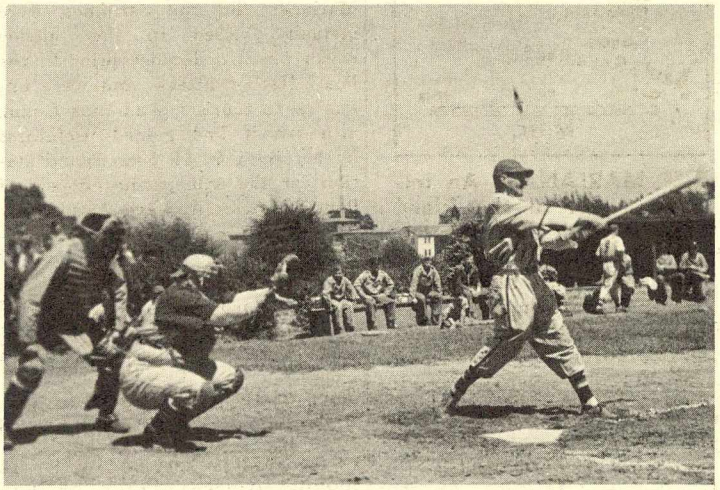
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Sgt. **Ted Coffey**	Pitcher	SCU 1927
Pfc. **Billy Rist**	Catcher-Outfield	NCS
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T/5 **Albert Giovanetti**	Second Base	LGH
Pfc. **John Murphy**	Short Stop, Capt.	NCS
Cpl. **Aguido Ameidi**	Short Stop	WDC
Capt. **Andrew Edwards**	Third Base	LGH
Pfc. **Arthur Walker**	Outfield	749th MP
Pfc. **Tommy Wainwright**	Outfield	94th MRU
Pvt. **Mertous Caudle**	Outfield-Pitcher	WDC
Sgt. **John Downey**	Pitcher	NCS
Cpl. **Frankie Mangone**	Outfield-Pitcher	ETS-LGH
T/4 **Ray Edmondson**	Coach	LGH
Cpl. **Jack Harney**	Coach	SCU 1927
S/Sgt. **Merle West**	Manager	LGH



Pfc. Tommy Wainright
Stalwart sticker and outfielder



Sgt. Eddie Payne
Back Stop and Bulwark



PFC. JOHN MURPHY
Captain and shortstop layingg the wood to a liner

Congratulations

A well earned promotion came to Sgt. Dan W. Brock, non-commissioned officer in the charge of the Ninth Service Command Photo Laboratory at the Presidio of San Francisco, when he was appointed staff sergeant.

Sgt. Brock and his men are valued friends of the FOGHORN and his co-operation in making the photographs appearing in our columns are a definite contribution to reader interest.

The FOGHORN extends congratulations to Staff Sergeant Dan W. Brock.

Eisenhower Expert With Tiny Camera

France (CNS) — Gen. Eisenhower is a camera bug. On several occasions, when members of the Allied Command have visited him at his headquarters here, he has snapped their pictures with his miniature camera, which is just a little larger than a cigarette lighter.

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PROXY MARRIAGES

It is not at all unusual for a soldier or bluejacket to find himself miles away from the last place and start thinking about the girl he left behind. Sometimes the thought develops into action to the extent of asking information about marriage by proxy.

Up to the present all he could learn was the opinion of the Judge Advocate General to the effect that proxy marriages were of "doubtful validity." The Chief of Chaplains included that advice in one of his circular letters to the Chaplains Corps and gave those active members of the armed forces a ready answer. The request for marriage by proxy subsided.

Recently a court in Pennsylvania held a proxy marriage to be valid when one of the contracting parties was a resident and present in that state at the time of the marriage providing that all other legal requirements were fulfilled. Interest in the subject was immediately reviewed.

This week the Legal Assistance Officer from a neighboring command made the news columns of a local paper with the announcement that he had made arrangements for two marriages between two Bay Area girls and two soldiers overseas using the long distance phone via Oklahoma. A state where such marriages are recognized, although still of doubtful validity elsewhere.

To those who may be inclined to take advantage of the new development we remind them of the old adage, "Marry in haste—repent at leisure." Think it over and then enter into matrimony in keeping with approved procedure. Marriage should be a life long contract.

Give it a firm foundation in law and under God.



Joining the Letterman Army Nurse Corps staff this week is Second Lieutenant Gertrude A. Humling.

She was born at Everett, Washington, but before becoming of school age her family moved to Seattle, Wash., and she received her education there. Having decided on nursing as a career, she entered Tacoma General Hospital, at Tacoma, Wash., for her professional training and after graduation did private duty nursing for a year before enlisting in the Army, March 1, 1944, at Fort Lewis, Wash. Lieut. Humling received her basic training and remained here for a year and a half and was then assigned to an overseas unit. Her overseas tour of duty took her around the world for she left from San Francisco on December 8, 1942, and returned by way of an eastern port in May, 1944, and is now back in San Francisco, on duty here at Letterman.

Lieut. Humling was first sent to Persia for eight months and then went to Cairo, Egypt, for ten months on duty in a field hospital. While in Egypt she visited the pyramids via camel train and tells us this was a most interesting experience.

The return trip back to the states included a two-week stop-over at Algiers where Lieut. Humling indulged in one of her favorite pastimes, swimming each day in the warm, blue water of the Mediterranean Sea. She also enjoys dancing and bridge.

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Many of our nurses are taking advantage of the hospitality offered by the Army Navy Club for dining and entertainment. Captain Mary Elizabeth Abbott and Lieut. Mary Jasken acted as hostesses Tuesday evening.

Lieutenant Mary Woolsey is enjoying a five-day leave spending her time with her husband recently returned from overseas.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Colonel Carl Steinhoff, one time overlord on Ward "G," just back from a thirty-month stay in the Southwest Pacific — and no new stories?

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Miss Betsy LeFevers, our own PX pin-up pride, in exile at the annex this past week.

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Major David Pohlmann on leave from Oahu dropping in to renew old acquaintances. By now Davey has gone back.

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Mrs. Hilda Mansfield, popular PX waitress, back from a vacation in Minnesota and bringing some of the local accent with her.

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David Patterson, wearing a towel on his right arm and knowing how to use it.

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Mr. Lyle M. Brown, Division Manager, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., and two members of his staff, Mr. Win Coffin and Mr. Nicholas DeStefano, paying a courtesy call on the Commanding General.

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The abandonment of the "Open Door" policy in the office of the Public Relations Department.

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Staff Sgt. Merle West taking plenty of time to explain why the All Stars cannot lose next week.

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Sgt. "Bob" Bement advising a newcomer: "Whenever you argue with the sergeant—be sure you are right—then let the matter drop."

Mission Hi Again Remembers Us with Gift Packages

It may be the vacation season for the students of Mission High School of San Francisco but it has not lessened their interest in the patients of this hospital. Through their counsellor, Mrs. Florence Millikin, they gathered the "makins" for one hundred gift packages which were delivered to the hospital one afternoon this week.

The war wounded patients greatly appreciate the thought of the students of Mission Hi.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, September 3, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

OBITUARY—

William D. Mueller

Lieut. Col. William D. Mueller, Medical Corps, United States Army, retired, died at Letterman General Hospital on Monday of this week. Funeral services conducted by Chaplain L. Lane McCammon were held at the funeral parlors of Halsted & Company on Wednesday afternoon followed by interment in the Golden Gate National Cemetery. The sympathy of the command is extended to the widow and daughter of our late fellow medical officer.

MORE ABOUT Ring Lost A Boxer

They talked to nearly midnight, and in the end, it was the views of Frankie Brown that were changed. He decided to give up boxing as a career and enter college, even if it meant working his way through. He thanked the Kansan for the advice.

"You're welcome, Frankie," the young Kansan laughingly replied.

At that Brown grinned back. "Forget the Frankie Brown stuff. That's just my ring name. My real name's Rockne—Knute Rockne. And say, if I should want to write you, how should I spell that last name of yours?"

"E-i-s-e-n-h-o-w-e-r. Dwight Eisenhower," the lanky Kansan smiled.

Insignia for Amphibs

Norfolk, Va. (CNS) — The Navy's amphibious forces now have their own official insignia. It is a gold and scarlet shoulder patch with an American eagle rampant on an anchor, gripping a machine gun in its talons.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



JOHN T. HARRINGTON
Pvt. Medical Corps

A soldier who has been here at Letterman for the last year and a half is Private John T. Harrington, working at the present time in the Officer Patients Mess is the candidate for this week's column.

Pvt. Harrington, a native Californian, was born in Westwood on June 8th, 1922. However, when he was three years old his family moved to Detroit, Michigan and that was to be his home for the next nine years. At the end of that time they moved back to our Buck's home state and settled in Compton, California, where Pvt. Harrington took a general course at Compton Junior College, graduating in 1941. For three of the four years he attended this school he was a member of the school orchestra playing the violin. Our Buck enjoyed this activity and now when time permits often plays for his own amusement.

After school days were over, Pvt. Harrington's family moved once more, this time to San Francisco and he then went to work in the Mare Island shipyards as a painter's helper until he was called on to don the khaki uniform of the armed forces. He was inducted into the Army on 19 January 1943 and was sent to the reception center at Monterey remaining there just long enough to obtain his basic equipment before being sent here to Letterman. Upon arrival here, our Buck spent the next three weeks going through basic training and was then assigned to the Mess Department where he is still working.

Pvt. Harrington's hobby is photography, which takes some time, because he not only takes pictures but develops them as well.

This Week's Funny Broadcast

San Francisco (CNS)—A Toyko broadcast, picked up here, reports that a temperance campaign has been launched in **Japan.**

Draft Boards Will Aid GIs In Getting Jobs After War

By Camp Newspaper Service

One of the biggest concerns of American fighting men overseas is this one: "What kind of a job am I going to get after I come marching home again?"

The answer:

You can have your old job back if you want it. And if you don't, you will get a crack at another one, a job for which your training in the service has fitted you.

Here's the way it's going to work:

A new memorandum on veterans' assistance has been issued by National Selective Service Headquarters appointing a re-employment committeeman to every local board in the country. His job is to help place you in employment after the war.

Let's suppose, for a starter, that the job you left behind isn't available when you return. Maybe your employer went out of business. Or maybe your old job doesn't exist any more.

In either case, your first recourse is your old draft board. There you will be placed in contact with the reemployment committeeman who will review your service career, find out just what kind of work you are qualified to do. Then he will go to bat for you.

If you can't get or don't want your old job, you will probably be referred to the veterans' employment representative of your home town U. S. Employment Service office. He will be in touch with employers not only in your community but all over the country and he'll be able to recommend the best place to get the kind of work you want and can do.

If you want a job with the Federal Government, you'll be sent to the nearest U. S. Civil Service office or post office for assistance. All veterans will have five points added to their scores in Government examinations and those with service connected disabilities will have ten points added. Also, a new Civil Service policy reserves 25 per cent of all Federal jobs for returning war veterans and examinations for many jobs will be open only to veterans.

If you want to buy a farm or rehabilitate your old business with the aid of a Federal loan, you can get one through the GI Bill of Rights. And if you want a railroad job you will be referred to the nearest office of the U. S. Railroad Retirement Board where you'll find out what jobs are open and how you can qualify.

Now, for the sake of argument, let's pretend you want to return to your old job, which is exactly what many GIs want to do.

In the first place, you have to apply to your ex-employer for your old position within 40 days after your discharge from the service. Once you've done this, he has to take you back unless his circumstances have changed so as "to make it impossible or unreasonable to reinstate" you.

After you have made your application, the law states that your old employer must take you back without loss of senority and he cannot fire you "without cause" within a year.

In addition to the protection you get under the law, the CIO and the AFL have agreed to give you a month of job security for every month you were in the service after Sept. 1, 1940. This applies not only to veterans who were union members before their induction but also to those who never held a job before.

If your old boss should fail to give you your job back after you have made application, you can file suit in U. S. District Court where, if he is reasonably satisfied that you have a case, the U. S. Attorney will handle your case without cost to you.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

For week of 4 September to 11 September

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
Braden Follies	1900	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	1400	Wards
WEDNESDAY—		
THURSDAY—		
Camp Shows Inc. Unit No. 9. "Say When"	1400	Patio
FRIDAY—		
Camp Shows Inc. Unit No. 9 "Say When"	1400	Wards

ON THE SPOT



WOODROD GOODNIGHT,
T/5th Gr.
Engrs. Corps, unasgd.

Spending the night on a beach, just four feet away from two Japs who were in a fox hole after they had bayoneted him and left him for dead, was the harrowing experience of T/5 Gr. Woodrow Goodnight of the Corps of Engineers, "on the spot" this week.

His first overseas assignment took him to Goodenough Island where his outfit stayed a short time before going on to New Guinea. There they spent the next two weeks building docks and after completing this task in record time, they went into actual combat in another section of the island where they were taken by boat. They made a landing under the barrage of navy guns and also under the protection of the Army Air Force. The fight on this section lasted about seven days and after cleaning out this pocekt of Japs they moved on once more and made another beach landing and it was here that Goodnight was wounded. About two weeks after landing he was on a working party when the truck in which he was riding was ambushed late in the afternoon by the enemy and the fighting was in very close quarters. He was attacked by two Japs and one of them bayoneted him in the back. After stripping him of everything they left him on the beach and went into a fox hole about four feet away. They remained this close to him all night and Goodnight didn't dare move because it would have meant certain death. About five in the morning the enemy left and a few hours later he was rescued by his own men and taken back to the hospital. He remained in a hospital in New Guinea for a month before he was finally shipped here to Letterman, arriving last week and now a patient on Ward F-2.

After he is relieved from active duty, Goodnight intends to go back to his farm in West Virginia where his wife now resides.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to Pvt. Ralph A. Kane who joined the detachment during the past week.

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Furloughs for the week were issued to the following men of the detachment during the week: Pvt. Ben Dembek, with 23 days; Cpl. Arnold L. Kahn, T/5th Gr. Angelo F. Borelli, Pvts. Maurice R. De La Garza, Serman H. Robinson and Woodrow M. Schenebeck, each with 22 days; Pvt. Roy H. McCauley, with 21 days; S/Sgt. Martin T. Newcome, with 19 days; Sgt. Robert H. Morten, with 18 days; Pvt. Rene C. Iiacomini, with 15 days; Pvt. John L. Soto, with 10 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Albert Morrison breaking in a new man on how to open and close the door of Ward S-1.

Sgt. Edward C. Vicary wearing fatigues one day to see if they still fit him.

Once again the men of the detachment enjoying themselves at their bi-monthly dance held last Thursday night.

T/5th Gr. Leslie M. Baukin learning that he can also acquire a sunburn in California just like in his native State of Washington.

T/5th Gr. David C. Taber repairing Cpl. Warren Altman's "Green Hornet" in his spare time so that it will be able to take them down the peninsula come September 9th.

Pvt. Clarence L. Adcock back from Georgia where he spent his furlough and reporting that all is well in the South.

Sgt. Jay Y. Connell doing a good job in seeing that all the salvage material is taken up promptly.

Pvt. Benjamin Weitz now known as "Pop" since taking T/4th Gr. Alvin Segar to the Ice Follies.

T/5th Gr. Alvin J. Cheetham spending his furlough down the Peninsula and having nothing but car trouble.

How to Save Money

Marianas (CNS)—It was payday in the Marianas, but there was nothing here to buy and nowhere to go to spend money. Result: The Army postal officer did a rushing business. He nearly sold out of money order blanks.

LOVELY LIEUTENANT IS LEARNING TO LEAVE LEISURE ALONE—ALAS!!



1st Lieut. IRENE M. de FONTENY, WAC
Assistant to Evacuation and Receiving Officer

It is refreshing these days to meet up with someone for whom the postwar period holds no terrors. That is the attitude of the latest addition to the commissioned staff at Letterman—1st Lieut. Irene M. deFonteny, WAC. This little lady of military mein volunteered for service in the belief that a country at war should have the active support of every citizen, and when the war is over she plans to make a home and have a family. One look at the lieutenant and the casual observer is satisfied that what she plans is what will happen.

Lieut. deFonteny is a native of Tacony, Pa., which is practically a suburb of Philadelphia and in the latter city she completed her schooling. On graduation from high school she joined the production forces of Henry Disston & Sons and remained with that firm until enlisting in the then WAAC in October 1942.

Her military progress was rapid and on completion of the basic training course she was sent to the administrative specialists' school for further training. This was followed by designation to attend the Officers' Candidate School at Ft. Des Moines where she attained her commission as 2nd lieutenant on 23 January 1943. Her first assignment as an officer was to the Transportation Office at Fort Des Moines where she found an outlet for her experience as shipping director in civil life. In March of the same year she was transferred to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., where she was adjutant for the next ten months. When a railroad transportation officer was needed at the Huntsville Arsenal, Lieut. deFonteny moved over to that Alabama station for the next four months.

The lieutenant arrived here with what could be described as a "perfectly gorgeous tan" and that was acquired at Camp White, Oregon, where her talents were employed as chief of the purchasing branch. Apparently, it was the belief there that all work and no play made things dull for everyone so there was plenty of outdoor life and social activity. It is rumored that our lieutenant never missed a dance and we can understand why. Anyway, the line forms to the right.

Lieut. deFonteny has a brother in England with the army, andl another with the Navy in the South Pacific. Her sister is a corporal in thee WAC—and the man who will help with those plans to make a hcome and have a family is also in thee service but the lieutenant says hiis name, rank, organization and statiion is restricted information.

Our newest arrival has been assigned to the Receiving andl Evacuation office where it really iss all work and no play these days—amd nights.

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS

The officers and men of the medical department enlisted technicians school extend their sincerest sympathy to the commandant, Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin on the passing of his father, John N. Ervin of Dayton, Kentucky, on August 24, 1944. Death came quietly to the 91-year-old gentleman who was actively engaged as a Presbyterian minister until the end. He was buried in the family plot in Dayton, with services attended by hundreds of friends who mourned his passing.

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The Art Department under the direction of Captain Benjamin J. Kingwell has been moved to newer and larger quarters in Building T-1107. These new quarters afford the needed room for its recent expansion. T/4 Bruce E. Sloan and T/5 Robert F. Stoming are the artists responsible for the many works of art that come out of this branch of the school. They are equipped to do the following work: Air brush painting, preparation of stencils by the new photo-chemical process, designing and painting of posters, making of training aids, reproduction of parts of the human body in plaster form and anatomical paintings.

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Corporal Lawrence F. Rempel, School Supply Clerk, left Sunday for Mountain Lakes, Minn., where he will be wed to his childhood sweetheart, Alvera Klassen. Corporal Rempel will be remembered as the star center of the Presidio Championship Basketball Team. The detachment takes this opportunity to wish the happy couple much success.

Allied Airborne Units Now in One Command

France (CNS)—In a move to hasten the end of the war in Europe, Gen. Eisenhower has consolidated the Allied combined airborne forces into one command.

Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, former commander of the Ninth AAF, will head the new air army with Lt. Gen. Frederick A. M. Browning, of the British Army, as deputy commander. The command will include American, British and Canadian troops.

New Orientation Programs to Start Here Next Week

The Information and Education Office at Letterman announced this week a new series of Orientation programs for the enlisted men of this detachment. The new program, to begin this coming week, is in fulfillment of a directive recently issued from Washington.

Special features of the new series will include speakers from various professional walks of life who have messages designed to keep the soldier better informed on the world in which he fights. And, in addition to these outside speakers, soldiers who have had interesting or educational battlefront experiences will be invited to tell their stories.

Group discussion, said Captain Edwards, is to be the keynote of the meetings and they are to be strictly informal. Members of each group are urged to take part by contributing any ideas they might have to make the gatherings of greater interest. The Captain will personally initiate the new series and will select interested enlisted men to help conduct the classes.

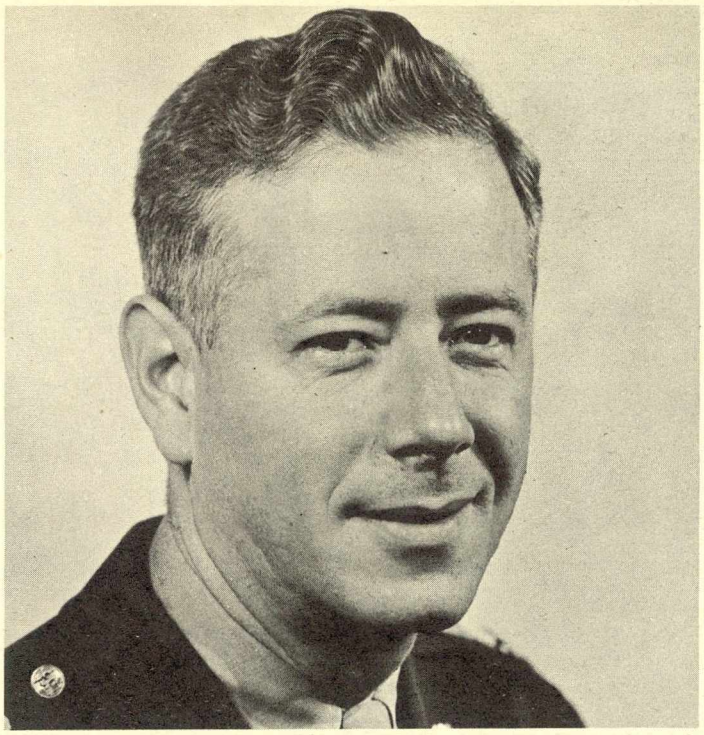
Participation will be mandatory. However, the programs planned promise to be of such interest as to insure an enthusiastic attendance.

The detachment is still divided into what are known as Orientation companies, and your privileged card has your designated company typed on its back. The meeting days for the various companies are the same as those announced for the last series: Company A meets on Tuesday, Company B on Wednesday, Company C on Thursday and Company D on Friday. Headquarters Company will meet on Tuesday with Company A.

Loses His Sight But Holds a Job

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — (ALNS) —Thomas C. Hasbrook, discharged Marine lieutenant who was blinded as the result of the explosion of a land mine he was checking, is back on the job with his former employers. But it took some preparing. A seeing eye dog guides him. His mother learned Braille while Hasbrook was in hospital, so she could teach it to him. His wife taught him how to use a typewriter. Now Hasbrook is transcribing material from Ediphone records for the Eli Lilly Company, and is getting along to the satisfaction of both himself and his employers.

OUR EFFICIENT ENGINEER IS THE ENVY OF THE ENTIRE ENSEMBLE



In the good old days when this army was an army in keeping with the best tradition of the ancients one of the valued members of any command was the Post Quartermaster who had charge of all utilities. It was his prerogative from time immemorial to receive all requests for service with a growl and stern—sometimes profane—disapproval. He had a tiny office and a tiny shop and bearding the lion in his den was child's play compared to provoking the quartermaster into action.

In this new army something new has been added—and what a change for the better. Utilities are now under the supervision of the Post Engineer and we are fortunate in having an engineer who receives requests for services with a smile, who approves such requests whenever possible, and still exercises jurisdiction of some 178 military installations in the Bay Area while retaining complete sanity.

Captain James T. Jones, Corps of Engineers, is the officer one calls in this area whenever the termites come out in the open, whenever the shower head explodes, or the paint chips off, or reconstruction of a sagging edifice is indicated. He maintains an office at the Presidio, and has "additional duty" at Letterman, the San Francisco Medical Depot, and 175 military facilities in and about the city of San Francisco.

The captain is a native of Neodesha, Kansas, but went off to Indiana to attend the Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute where he took his degree of B. S. in Electrical Engineering. He had military training in R.O.T.C. and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps on graduation. He was called to extended active duty in January 1942 and sent to Fort Belvoir for his first station. From there he went to the office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington, D. C., and later to the Division Engineer's office at headquarters of the Ninth Service Command. He came to the Presidio in July 1942 and was promoted to Captain in August 1943. The captain says his career in the army is unusual that he began at the top and worked down—all the way from Washington to San Francisco. But native sons insist it is just the other way around—he reached the top when he arrived in the Presidio.

Captain Jones was married in 1937 to Miss Esther Payne of Terre Haute, Ind., and they have one daughter, Barbara, four years of age.

The captain is one Post Engineer who never says "No" to any request. His invariable answer even to the impossible is "We'll try."

News From Home

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS)—Picked up for investigation as an "enemy alien," a local woman was released when she proved she was a Pueblo squaw.

Brooklyn (CNS)—Joey Raia, 18, siphoned gas from his dad's car into one belonging to a friend. Then he struck a match. Resulting fire loss: both cars, a garage and a nearby house.

Detroit (CNS)—Meanest men of the week are Charlie Willoughby and Jasper Manier, sentenced to jail for selling two whiskey bottles to a local resident. The bottles were full of cold tea.

Hollywood (CNS)—Lillian Arch Lugosi, wife of Bela Lugosi, movie horror specialist, has sued her husband for divorce. "He's inhuman," she claims.

Houston, Tex. (CNS) — When Mrs. R. R. McBride was knocked flat by a car while crossing the street, her pocketbook flew open and a couple of dollars in change was scattered over the road. The driver of the car that struck her courteously helped her to her feet, then picked up her change, pocketed it and drove away.

Indianapolis (CNS)—The villain in a thrilling movie serial so incensed one 11-year-old patron of a local theater that he peppered the screen with BB shot, necessitating the installation of a new screen.

Newark, N. J. (CNS)—Police here have nabbed "Chesty Charlie" Monahan, who, they claim, is Newark's notorious "pants' pocket burglar," sought in a series of thefts for more than two years. "Chesty Charlie," say police, always dressed as a woman, always jimmied his way into bedrooms at night and never stole anything save what he found in pants' pockets.

Oakland, Cal. (CNS)—Mrs. Very Perry won a divorce when she testified that her husband soaked her shoes in hot water, then put them in the oven and baked them to a crisp. "He was a mean one," she explained.

Putney, Vt. (CNS)—While Leon Wood was milking a cow, the cow picked Leon's pocket and swallowed his wallet. Wood then killed the cow, recovered his wallet and also a darning needle, two fishhooks, his driver's license and his A-gasoline ration book, all of which the cow had swallowed previously.

Tulsa, Okla. (CNS)—A truthful real estate dealer advertised a house for sale. "It has ratty decorations," he admittted, "the roof leaks and so does the basement."

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

One-Armed Whacker

Pete Gray, 28-year-old regular centerfielder for the Memphis Chicks, stood at the plate waving the bat around in his left hand. His right arm was a stub in an empty sleeve.

Gray let the first two go by. They were wide. The third pitch came over knee-high and outside, just the kind of a pitch you dream about. Gray slammed it over the right field fence, 330 feet away. It was his first home run of the year.

"It sure felt good," said Gray.

Pete Gray's right arm is cut off close to the shoulder. He lost it in a childhood accident. Despite this handicap, he is hitting around .330 for the Chicks and is leading the league in stolen bases. Doc Pothro, his manager, says he's ready for the majors right now.

Out in centerfield, Gray plays with sleight-of-hand artistry. In fielding a fly, he catches it first, then tosses it into the air, tucks the glove under the nub of his right arm, grabs the ball with his free left hand and burns it back to the infield, all in one motion.

Lefty O'Doul, the man in the Kelly green suit, is keeping his San Francisco Seals in second place in the Pacific Coast League standings, despite the fact that his pitching staff has been torn to shreds by war and war plants.

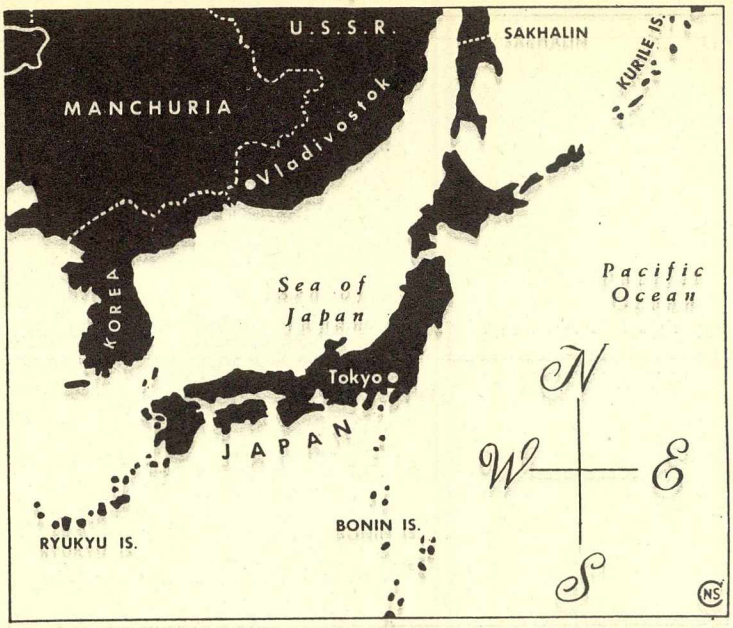
The other Sunday Lefty's best pitcher, 32-year-old ex-Giant Tom Seats, finished his lobster shift at a Golden Gate shipyard at 6 a.m., drove to Sacramento and pitched both ends of a doubleheader for the Seals against the Sacramento club. The kid won them both, too, with a double shutout.

"Take the rest of the day off, Tom," cracked Lefty after the second game.

S/Sgt. Joe DiMaggio, home run king of the Hawaiian League, is laid up with a bad stomach. He has scotched rumors that he's seeking a CDD, however. . . . DiMaggio's old Yankee teammate, Joe Gordon, now a Hawaiian leaguer too, fell into a batting slump. So he started batting left-handed, clubbed out four doubles. . . Navy Lt. Paul Lillis, of Notre Dame, was in on the fight at the Admiraltys. . . . J. Gilbert Hall, 46-year-old former tennis player, has been discharged from the Army as overage.

LEARN to recognize your patrol leader's voice so you won't bite on the enemies' trick of giving false orders in English.

Japan



(Mat 105-642)

This is the Japanese Mainland, target of raids by our giant B-29 Superfortresses and final objective of our Ground Forces in the Pacific and Asiatic Theaters. The above map shows Japan's proximity to China.

What Hard Leaves!

Ft. Benning, Ga. (CNS)—Sgt. William Eller made a parachute landing in a clump of trees, then discovered to his pain that the clump was camouflage for a concrete highway. He will live.

Sucker!

Italy (CNS)—An Italian carpenter presented a bill to the American Red Cross. At the bottom he penned this note: "Plus 20 per cent because you are Americans."



"You must think I'm a corporal the way you throw my money around!"

the inquiring line

By Camp Newspaper Service

Q. Now that the Army Nurse Corps has become a part of the AUS, will nurses be permitted the same privilege granted to members of the Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps who held commissions and were permitted to refuse the new commission and obtain a release from the service when that organization became the WAC?

A. If you mean can these gals get out of the Army, the answer is No. If you want this wrapped up in technical language here's the way they gave it to us: "Declination of an appointment to a commission in the Army of the United States in no way influences their status in the Army Nurse Corps. As members of the Army Nurse Corps they will still be subject to its regulations and policies." Okay?

Q. Pity the poor Section 8. Four years ago, I received a Section 8 discharge from the Army because of a civilian court conviction. Later I tried to re-enlist and after the WD had granted me a waiver, was accepted. Now, however, word of my old Section 8 has leaked out and I am subject to the gibes and taunts of my campmates. I don't mind this so much, but the other day when I applied for longevity pay on the basis of my total service previous to and subsequent to my discharge, I was told that my past service didn't count because of that old debbil Section 8. That I do mind. Can I do anything about it?

A. From where we sit, it looks like you should be receiving longevity pay. The official ruling is that the service "which was terminated by dishonorable discharge on account of a civilian conviction of for any other reason than fraud may be included in the computation of service for longevity-pay purposes."

Nazi General Disavows Any Link With Gestapo

France (CNS)—A German general who surrendered his division recently to troops of the French Forces of the Interior, told his captors that the Wehrmacht "would not be held responsible for crimes committed by local troops of the Gestapo."

Wacs Start Reducing

Washington (CNS)—A checkup of 97 Wacs stationed here revealed that 67 had gained an averagge of nine and a half pounds since their induction. Result of the poll: 15 minutes of calisthenics every morning.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Letterman Veteran Retires After 30 Years of Service

Like the Arab who "folded his tent and silently stole away" one of the real Letterman veterans passed to the retired list of the Army at the end of August when Technical Sergeant James C. Strickland left this station for the last time as a soldier of the command.

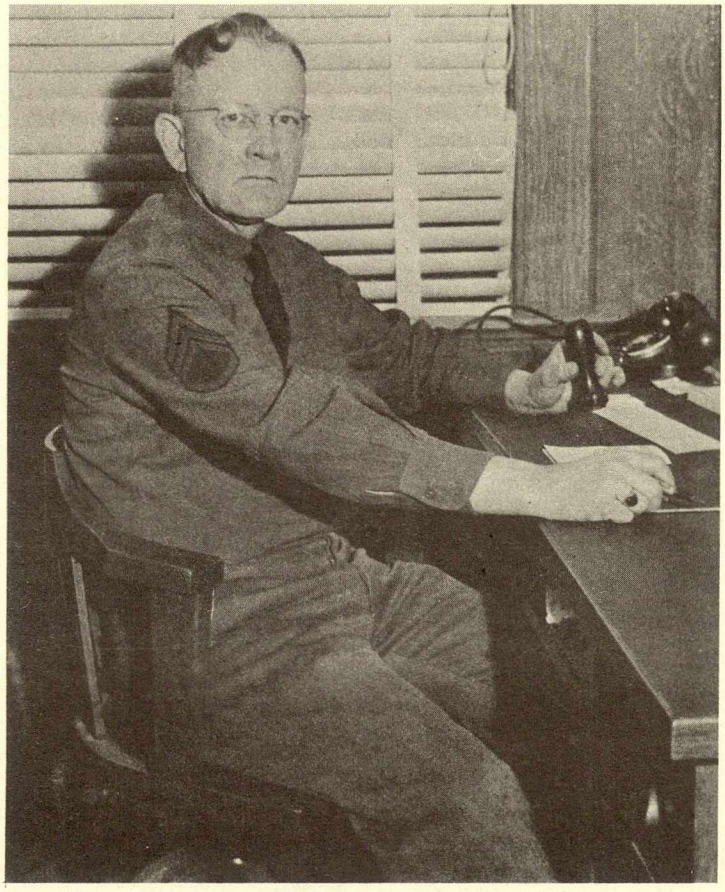
For a period of very close to twenty-five years Strickland served as the postmaster and he is known to thousands of officers and men who have served here or filled the role of patients. Mail being what it is to everyone, he came into intimate contact with all who had correspondents thoughtful enough to write letters. It was Strickland's job to get the letters delivered to the right man on the right ward but without delay.

In the beginning he could do it all himself, then he got a helper and he supervised as well as worked on the mail. Just before Strickland was relieved of duty at the post office in anticipation of retirement he had a staff of six soldiers and six civilians under his jurisdiction. He was a private when first detailed to look after the mail and when almost a quarter of a century later he looked toward retirement it was as a technical sergeant.

Strickland has always been a man of a few words and attempts to draw him out on the plans he has for the leisure days ahead have been failures. Once he did state that he felt as young as ever and saw no reason to quit work just because the old man with the scythe and army regulations had caught up with him. "A man is as young as he feels," says Strickland, "And I feel like a recruit."

Those who know the "Old Sarge" best believe he will enjoy relaxing in the company of his pet cairn, Trixie, and all members of the command from the Commanding General down to the last private wish him well in the days that lie ahead.

He and Trixie will stay within sound of the bugle calls, each will raise his ears at the familiar notes, then settle back with the feeling that it is something to be able to ignore "Reveille" on any morning in the week.



Tech. Sgt. JAMES C. STRICKLAND
Who retired at the end of August after thirty years of service with the Regular Army.

Many Changes For Letterman Staff In Recent Weeks

Any of the former members of the Letterman staff who might return for a brief visit these days would note the absence of some who were their contemporaries in other days. Yes, there have been some changes made in recent weeks and we have several new faces to tie into names.

Last month Brig. General Charles C. Hillman succeeded Brig. General Frank W. Weed in command of the hospital. Major George T. Aitkin went off to the wars with a fighting outfit a little later, and last week Captain John V. Galgiani and Captain Ray M. Wadsworth went south to new organizations. Major Aitken had been here over two years while Captain Galgiani lacked but two months of three years on the Letterman staff. Captain Wadsworth was a comparative newcomer as he was with us just a year.

The absorption of the Dante annex brought about other changes in which Major Fred Anderson, Major Vincent E. Johanson and Captain Charles C. Mohun moved down to Van Ness Avenue, while Major Thomas J. Cockerill and Major James A. Bradley came from Dante to take over as receiving and evacuation officer and Chief of the Outpatient Service respectively.

Major Algot R. Nelson and a group of nurses activated a new unit to take over the operation of hospital trains with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco and under the plan medical officers will be permanently assigned to train duty.

Major Clement A. Tovares, who

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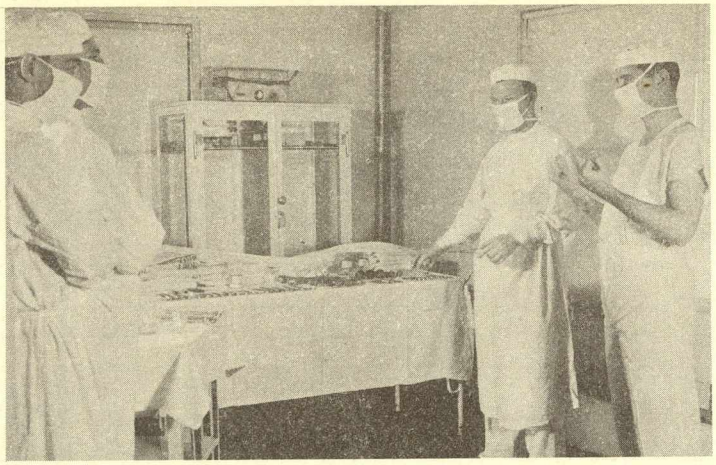
OUR TRAINING TUTORS TURN OUT TOPNOTCH TECHNICIANS

Many of the unsung heroes of this war are medical corpsmen. Listening to the tales of the returning veterans, we begin to realize just what an important and heroic part is played by these trained medical corpsmen.

It was during October, 1940, that Letterman received notice from the Surgeon General that a school for medical technicians would be set up at this hospital. In March of 1941 the buildings for the school were completed, and the following month the school opened with twenty students in the officers' school and ninety enlisted technicians. When the school first opened, it had six different branches, a school for laboratory technicians, and one for X-ray, dental, surgical, medical, and pharmacy technicians. With the exception of the pharmacy school, the set-up is the same today as it was then. There were limitations placed on the number of students to be admitted to each school, and the men were chosen for their aptitude in the various subjects. The increased number of students is a testimonial to the success of the school, although emphasis is still placed on keeping the number of students fairly limited, so that they may benefit by individual attention and instruction from their teachers.

Heading the school is Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin, M. C.; assisted by Lieutenant Colonel George C. Shivers, M. C. Captain Benjamin Kingwell, MAC, is adjutant, detachment commander, and supply officer. The five schools are directed respectively by Major Donald Casad, M. C., of the Medical School; Captain Lavern Baldwin, Sn.C., of the Laboratory School; Captain Richard Kilhullen, M. C., of the X-ray; Major Clifford Rudine, D. C., dental, and Major Chester Moore, M. C. of the surgical branch. Today the schools have an attendance of twenty students for the laboratory, twenty-four for the X-ray, thirty-six for the dental, and one hundred and forty each for the surgical and medical.

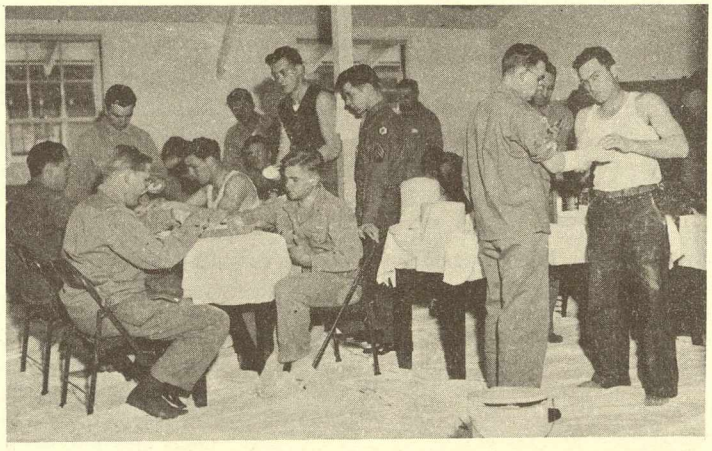
While the school is a part of the Letterman post, and its mess, personnel records, pay, supplies and utilities come through the hospital, it is actually under the training division of the Surgeon General's Office, and all instructors are assigned by War Department orders. There are twenty-eight enlisted men serving as instructors who are permanently assigned to the school. It is a full-time job, for the classes are based on an eight-hour day and run six days a week. In addition to the technical instruction the men are given close-order drill and the manual of arms.



STUDENT SURGICAL TECHNICIANS
Learn to set up a complete operating room as part of the course.



COMPLETELY EQUIPPED LABORATORY
Is available for the instruction of the students in the Laboratory School.



PLASTERING AS AN ART
One of the plaster cast classes in the Medical Technician School.

The students, with the exception of the surgical and medical technicians, are given four months of theoretical and demonstrative training and are then sent out to various general hospitals where they have one more month of actual work before rejoining their original organization. The surgical and medical students are kept here for an additional three months. These men are assigned to key positions on transports and do technical work in all parts of the world in the active theater of war.

The school consists of three buildings. The Medical School has a model ward equipped with all the paraphernalia of an actual ward as well as classrooms for lectures. In addition to its classroom the Surgical School has an operating room equipped with an operating table, anesthesia necessities, a sterilizing room, and all the surgical dressings necessary for actual operative procedure. The Laboratory School is similarly outfitted with incubators, refrigerators, sterilizers, and everything that would be needed in a hospital laboratory. The X-Ray School has the latest type of X-ray equipment, with fluoroscopes, tubes, transformes, and darkroom developing tanks, and the Dental School is supplied with complete equipment.

In the Medical School most of the time is devoted to nursing instruction. The subjects cover nursing, ward management, supply, hospital administration, first aid, hygiene and sanitation, anatomy, defense against chemical warfare and medical field service. The practical work is taken up at Letterman Hospital under the guidance of the various officers, nurses, and enlisted personnel of the staff.

The Surgical School graduates men thoroughly trained in surgical procedure. The course is divided into periods, the first of which is devoted to lectures, demonstrations and practical exercises in anatomy, physiology, hygiene, field service, chemical warfare, first aid, surgical nurs-

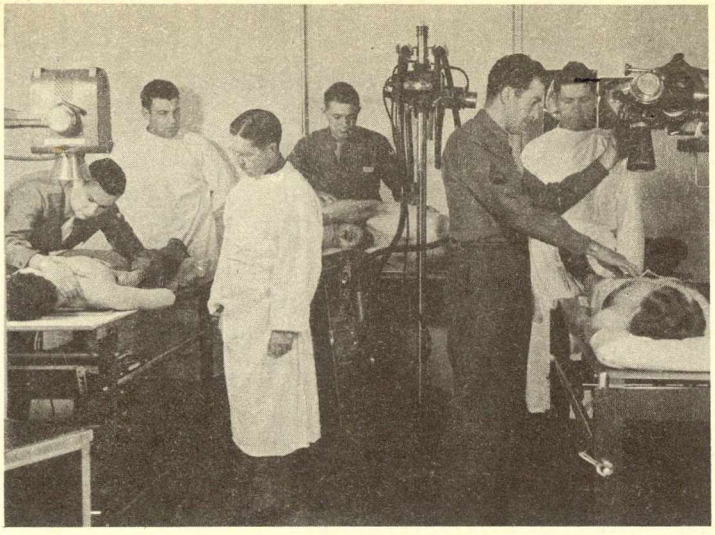
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MORE ABOUT TECHNICIANS

ing, hospital administration, and ward management. In the second period the students spend their mornings in the wards of the hospital practicing the procedure learned in the first period. In the afternoon they practice the preparation of dressings, autoclaving, rolling packs, applying traction and plaster casts, scrubbing and gowning and operating room procedure. The third phase finds the men remaining in the surgical clinics and wards for the entire day. The students graduated from the Surgical School are competent to act as ward masters, supervise dressings and operating rooms, act as surgical assistants, and are competent to train other men in correct surgical procedures.

In the Laboratory School the men are selected on the basis of their previous experience or aptitude in the fields of chemistry, biology and mathematics. The course covers examination of bacteria, blood, urine, parasites and water, and involves the use of complicated scientific equipment. They learn how to use the microscope, analyze some of the chemical constituents of the blood, cook media, prepare glassware, type donors for transfusions, and grow bacteria. Each student is supplied with an individual microscope and laboratory equipment, so that he can prepare his own solutions and make his own analyses. Centrifuges, iceboxes, incubators, and sterilizers are shared. The facilities of the Letterman Hospital Laboratory enable the men to obtain and study many specimens which are not readily available at other installations.

In the Dental School the work is necessarily basic. The reason for this is obvious when one considers that the construction of a single upper denture consists of twenty-four separate operations, and this is only one of the many appliances necessary. Upon graduation the student has been trained in the art of constructing full or partial dentures or plattes, bridges, inlays, repairs of all kinds, splints for jaw fractures, and many other phases of the work of the dental technician. The equipment for each student consists of dental lathes, dental engines, casting machines, burn-out furnaces, a vulcamizer for curing dentures, and instruments for the various operations



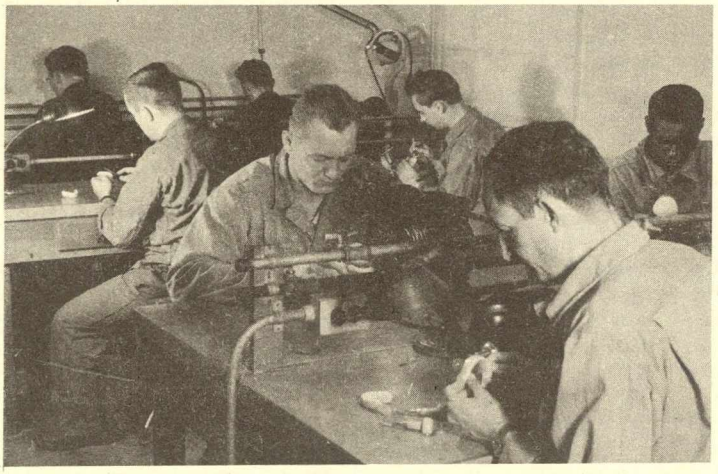
LEARNING BY DOING
Is the method of instruction followed in the X-Ray School.

ment of war wounds for severe infec- in the dental laboratory. This school has been one of those stimulating the utmost enthusiasm and has developed a high ratio of expert technicians.

The objective of the X-Ray School is to train and graduate men as competent and efficient X-ray technicians. They should be able, at the end of their three months course, to take good diagnostic X-ray films either in the field or in the laboratory. To take diagnostic films, the technician must know and understand hundreds of different positions, angles, and machine settings so that he may use the right combination to get the best result.

The technique of administration and a basic standard dosage for the prophylactic and therapeutic treattions, especially gas gangrene, is a part of the course. Particular attention is given to tube-rating and heat dissipation charts so that the future technicians may know the safe limits of the equipment they are using. The hope of the instructors is that the basic fundamentals of X-ray will be sufficiently ingrained in each student so that when he leaves the Army he will be prepared to take and to pass any examination required for civilian X-ray technicians who work in hospitals and laboratories on the outside.

Watching the interest and enthusiasm of the students at work in these well equipped laboratories is a sufficient explanation for the excellent record they have made for themselves after graduation. The Technicians School may quite justifiably give itself a hearty pat on the back for a job well done.

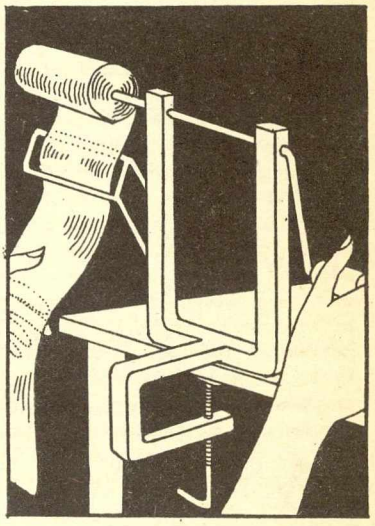


PRACTICAL WORK ON DENTURES
Is part of the training in the Dental Technicians School.

Hospital Receives New Bandage Winder, Gift of Film Star

The tedious work of rewinding bandages for treatment of war wounded in army and navy hospitals in the bay area will be lightened considerably as the result of the gift of a bandage winding machine invented by Miss Marion Davies, noted film star.

The machines were presented to Letterman Hospital, the Oakland Regional Hospital, and the Navy Hospital at Marie Island. The machine is a very simple device which



Bandage winding machine invented by Miss Marion Davies and presented to Letterman Hospital.

may be attached to a table or even a tray and permits one man to do a task that formerly required two willing workers.

A photograph of the machine at work appeared in the San Francisco "Examiner" on Thursday morning showing Cpl. Joseph Immerso, a bed patient, giving a demonstration of the gadget while Pvt. Michael Spinka, ambulant patient, and Cadet Nurse Marilyn Hinks made up his audience.

GIs Can't Consume Non-Alcoholic Drinks

Rome (CNS) — GIs here have been ordered to stop drinking non-alcoholic beverages. The reason is that typhoid and dystentery may easily be spread in drinks which do not contain in some form that well known disinfectant —alcohol.

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SAVING LIVES

The unexciting but necessary business of conservation can be a powerful factor in winning wars.

To the Army, which carefully instills in its soldiers the habits of conservation, it is much more than a matter of saving money. It can and does result in a saving of lives.

There is no need to dramatize the need for conservation of weapons and equipment to a soldier away from his base on a dangerous patrol mission.

No one must remind the soldier that a jammed rifle can result in his untimely end. He knows that a carefully cared for weapon is the one least likely to jam.

This, of course, is the direct result of conservation and equipment on which life itself depends. From the material standpoint, the conservation program reduces the number of replacements of equipment and supplies. This reduction in turn results in savings of our natural resources, manufacturing facilities, manpower and important shipping space.

Civilians employed in the war effort would do well to take a leaf from the Army's conservation book. Good conservation habits cannot help but exert a powerful influence on an economy straining its every energy to turn out the goods of war.



From a southwesterly port in the British West Indies, the small Island of Antigua, comes 1st Lieut. **Mary Lou Hendricks** to join the nursing staff of Letterman. Lieut. Hendricks was born in Logan, Utah, and she still claims that city as home. After completing her high school education she entered L. D. S. Hospital at Salt Lake City, Utah, for her professional training and after graduating remained there on general duty until May, 1941, when she enlisted in the Army.

Lieut. Hendricks was stationed at only one post in the states, San Luis Obispo, Calif., where she received her basic training and after five months was assigned to San Juan General Hospital, Porto Rico. The hospital there was set up in an old monastery several hundred years old, with the nurses quarters in the same building. The windows were many feet high, had no glass in them, but did have screens. When it rained, which was frequently, there were two alternatives, to close the windows by means of solid shutters of mahogany and be steamed by the heat, or to let the rain come in and then dry the floors, which were all of tile. After eleven months here she was transferred to the Island of Antigua in the British West Indies and remained there until evacuated by rotation to Camp Butner, Eastern Reassignment Center, North Carolina, and from there to Letterman.

Lieut. Hendricks' father is in the Army stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., and her only brother is in the navy. However, she smilingly tells us she outranks them both.

For relaxation Lieut. Hendricks enjoys swimming and horseback riding and as a hobby she collects classical records.

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Our cadet nurses, accompanied by Lieutenants **Shirley R. Timewell** and **Evelyn Barbier** attended the dedication of the new Cadet Nurses' Residence of the University of California, 610 Parnassus Ave., Monday, 4 September 1944.

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After a brief period of hospitalization we are happy to see Lieut. **Margaret Giles** returned to duty.

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Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Lieut. **Kathryn Trask** who was hospitalized this past week.

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Also to Second Lieut. **Maizie Lewis** who underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday.

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Visitors during the week were Captain **Margaret Knierim,** U. S. Army, retired, former Principal Chief Nurse, and Mrs. **Lorraine E. McKenna,** former 1st lieutenant, ANC., and one time assistant Director of Cadet Nurses.

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Fortune tellers, reading the palms of some members of the staff, are unanimous in predicting a long sea voyage in the not too distant future.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Staff Sgt. **Jack LaVelle** reporting for duty one morning at 0605 and no one believing his eyes.

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The technicians from the Dental Clinic getting a roof top view of all the shows in the patio.

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Lieut. **Edythe Hawthorne** back from riding the rails and just visiting around to watch her friends at work.

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Mrs. **Patricia Moyles** being unofficially labeled "The Big Boss" of the Receiving and Evacuation office.

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Lt. Col. **Oscar Nolan** back from Oregon—but no hunting or fishing on that trip.

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Sgt. **"Gus the Barber" Piette** hiding out on Crissy Field and counting the days until Bay Meadows opens for business.

MORE ABOUT STAFF CHANGES

was on the staff in the early days of the war, has again been assigned to Letterman and is detailed as assistant to the receiving and evacuation officer.

Major Richard E. Humes has been ordered before a retiring board and at present is a patient at Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, September 3, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Chaplain Changed

Chaplain (Captain) Walter L. Angelo, who joined our staff when the San Francisco Port of Embarkation Station Hospital became the Dante annex of Letterman, has been transferred to an east coast station and left San Francisco on Wednesday en route to his new assignment.

Chaplain Angelo had been at the Dante annex for the past three months and made many friends among the patients and the staff by his pleasing personality and deep interest in their welfare.

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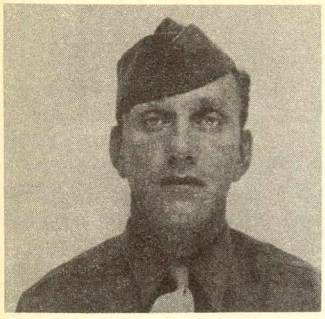
At St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco on 1 September 1944 at 1923 o'clock, Gerald Robert Ellis, weighing in at seven pounds, eight ounces, and stretching the measuring tape to 21¼ inches. Gerald Robert is the first born son of Captain and Mrs. Robley N. Ellis.

Captain Ellis is on the Psychiatric staff at Letterman, while Mrs. Ellis is the former 1st Lieutenant Edna E. Gardner, ANC., and at one time a member of this command. The captain admits that the infant looks like his mother and all are doing well.

Lt. Moody Returns

Lieut. William R. Moody, MAC., who returned to Letterman this week after completing a special course of instruction at the Morale Services School in Lexington, Ky., has been assigned as assistant to the Chief, Morale Services branch, with additional duty as Personal Affairs Officer, War Bond Officer, Insurance Officer, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Letterman Section of the Army Emergency Relief.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



DALLAS M. HERING
Private Med. Corps

A soldier who had had past experience with the army before being drafted is Private Dallas M. Hering, our Buck of this week.

Pvt. Hering was born in Sussex, New Jersey, on 8 December 1907, but his folks left that town eight years later and settled in Yonker, New York.

While in school Hering participated in three leading sports—football, baseball and track.

After leaving school, our Buck enlisted in the army and was sent to Fort Slocum, New York, where he was with an infantry outfit for the next three years. After serving this hitch he returned to civilian life and enrolled at McKenzie N. Y. Prep School on a football scholarship and stayed for one year.

Hering's first employment was with the Westchester Lighting Company as a Junior Statistician and he remained here for four years. The urge to see something of these United States prompted him to resign and the next three years were spent traveling over the country and doing odd jobs. In 1939, his wanderlust satisfied for the time being, he went to work in New York for the American Express as a night supervisor for a year. Next he tried the insurance game, with the London Guarantee and Accident Company in New York for six months and then the firm sent him to San Francisco as claims manager and after a short time here he was put in charge of the company's Oakland branch.

On February 2, 1944, Pvt. Hering again donned the khaki uniform and was first sent to the induction center at Monterey, from there to Fort Custer, Michigan, where he was given his basic training and put in the Military Police. He remained at this camp for the next six months before he was assigned here to Letterman where he is now working for the Provost Marshal.

Admiral Nimitz Outlines Plan For One-Two Punch in Pacific

By Camp Newspaper Service

Here is Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' long range plan for non stop war on Japan and eventual conquest of the Pacific:

1. The great fighting fleets of Adm. Raymond A. Spruance and Adm. William F. Halsey will alternate bone-crushing one-two punches on Japanese holdings throughout the Pacific.

2. The Marianas will be the strategic springboard for these operations. While one fleet is striking, the other will be planning new blows. Already the seizure of Saipan, Tinian and Guam has furnished the bases from which the fleets may move.

"One of the developments of this war," said Adm. Nimitz, is the setting up of duplicate command teams. Adm. Spruance commands the Fifth Fleet, Vice Adm. Richard Kelly Turner is commander of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force. Lt. Gen. Holland Smith commands the Fleet Marine Forces in the Pacific. We now have a number of these amphibious forces and feel that we can go forward just as rapidly as we can transport."

Resuming his outline of the new Pacific Command set-up, Adm. Nimitz continued:

"Now, we'll say, for example, that the commander of the Fifth Fleet and his staff and the commander of the Fifth Amphibious Force and his men and the various units assigned to their support will plan an operation and execute it. While they are executing it Admiral Halsey, the commander of the Third Fleet, and his amphibious corps will be planning another operation, which they will execute while Spruance and his crowd sit on the beach and plan still another.

"You can't expect an admiral to plan an operation and execute one at the same time. If we didn't have two teams there would be long pauses between operations."

Adm. Nimitz said that now that the war in Europe has reached "a favorable turn," he expects reenforcements in the Pacific especially in air power. "But we cannot sit and wait," he stressed. "We never have. We have used what we have had all the way through."

"As long as the Jap fleet remains at its present size our policy is not to divide our own fleet," the admiral added. "We believe in powerhouse tactics. We carry along all we have. We want what we undertake to go through. We haven't reached the stage where we can hold anything back."

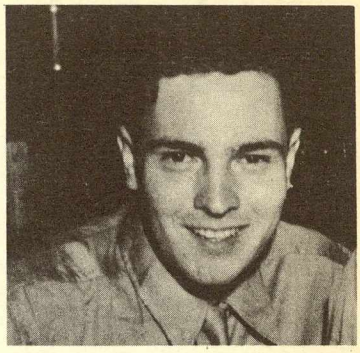
ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

For week of 11 September to 18 September

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
Bohemian Club—Lindsey Spright	1900	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment— (Mrs. Flibotte, Miss Davis)	1400	Wards
Make a Recording to Send Home— (Classical Record Hour)	1400	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—		
THURSDAY—		
Musical Quiz—Try your skill and hear your favorite music	1400	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment (Glen & Dorothy Hurlbert)	1400	Wards
"King Neptune's Frolics" (50 beautiful mermaids)	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—		
Come and make Fudge	1400	Rec. Hall
Listen to Popular Recording while you cook		
SUNDAY—		
Girls Chorus	1400	Rec. Hall

The girls will remain for a social hour following the program.

ON THE SPOT



JAMES C. DEVEREAUX
Pvt. Signal Corps Unasgd.

Private James C. Devereaux, a veteran of the South Pacific, is 'On the Spot' this week.

He was drafted into the Army on 18 March 1943—going through all the preliminary requirements at Fort Dix, New Jersey—where he was assigned to the Signal Corps and sent to Camp Crowder, Missouri, for his basic training before going to school for the next seven months to study radio operation. Eleven months were spent here and then he was transferred to the Replacement Depot at Camp Stoneman, California. In a short time he was embarking for overseas—ultimate destination, New Guinea. But 13 days after arrival, the private's tour of duty here was terminated when the recurrence of an old ailment necessitated hospitalization and subsequent evacuation to the States and Letterman followed.

A native son of Newark, New Jersey, Pvt. Devereaux remained within the limits of his native city before entering the armed forces attending grade, high and vocational schools there. At the Newark Vocational School, Jim took a year of printing and then a two-year major course in commercial photography.

During the time that he was attending school, he worked for the 20th Century Photo Service as a photo finisher and after completion of his studies continued with the firm doing his selected job until 1942. He decided to go into defense work where he secured a job as a turret lathe operator at which he worked until his entrance into the armed forces.

When 'peace' once again reigns this universe, the private intends to go into the photography business for himself in the locality of his home town of Newark, New Jersey.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to Private Floyd J. Wilson who joined the detachment during the week.

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Furloughs for the week were issued to the following men of the detachment: T/5 Gr. Raymond R. Brooks, T/5th Gr. Robert G. Purkey, Pvts. Thomas J. Callahan, James D. Parry and Pvt. Fred E. Brandt, each with 22 days; Cpl. Harold E. Christian, T/5th Gr. Robert E. Goode, T/5th Gr. Claud R. Johnson, Pvts. George L. Trippon and Glen H. McWilliams, each with 21 days; Pvt. Donald W. Hadley, with 18 days; 1st Sgt. Patrick F. Holland and T/5th Gr. Julius Heintz, each with 17 days; S/Sgt. Felix Trentowski, Cpl. Robert L. Colvig, T/5th Gr. Frank Cabanne, T/5th Gr. Manuel R. Freitas, T/5th Gr. Braulio P. Lizardo, and Pvt. Ramon Martinez, each with 15 days; Pvt. George M. Vale, with 12 days; Sgt. Lou D. Slot, with 11 days; T/5th Gr. Walter W. Wessel, with seven days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl. Warren Altman passing out cigars last week in honor of being the proud father of an eight-pound boy.

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Pvt. Robert G. Ashby trying his luck at pitching but giving up shortly when he couldn't get within five feet of the catcher.

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Pvt. Harry P. Agruss has given up cigars for pipes as he now has the pipe collecting bug.

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Pvt. Donald A. Clark turning out to be one of the best rooters for the Presidio All-Stars.

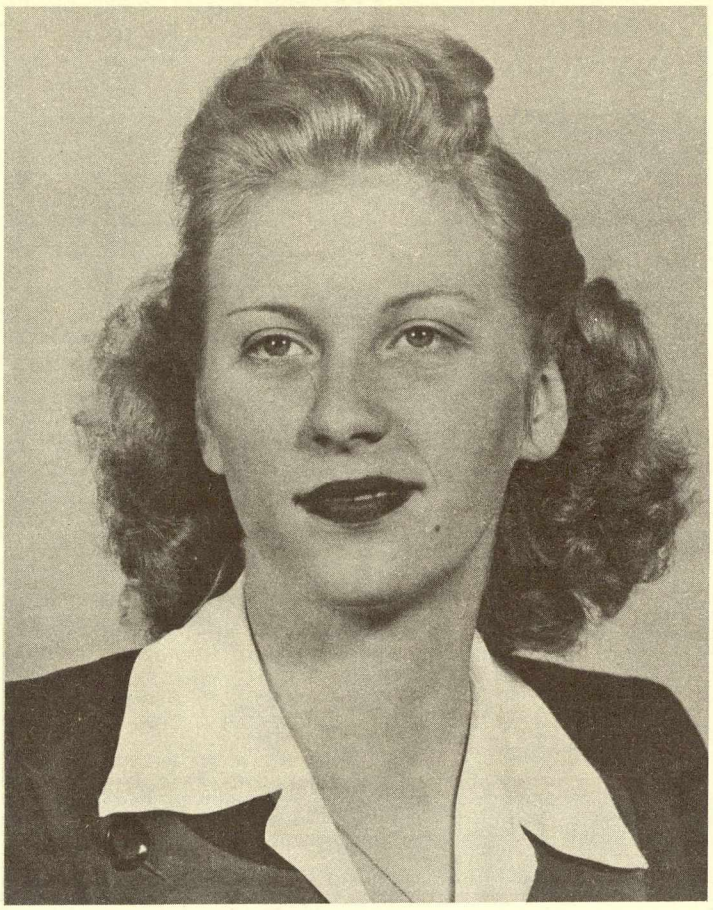
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S/Sgt. Leonard P. Bell working in the Post Exchange bar and still trying to get his first nickel tip.

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Cpl. Harry Brix believes in the old saying, "Practice makes perfect," as he is now improving in his pool game and is actually beating other members of the Finance office.

IF GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES MEET OUR BETSY AND UNDERSTAND WHY



Miss MARTHA AGNES LaFEVERS

If you don't believe us when we say that gentlemen prefer blondes, just fight your way through the mob at the candy counter in the main P. X. until you can get a view of Martha Agnes LaFevers, and we'll guarantee that you back right out of the argument. It isn't by the lengthy name that our little sweet dispenser is popularly known, however, for she is variously known as Bet, Betsy, Blondie, Aggie, and to her great distaste, Okie. We wouldn't advise you to try the latter appellation, however, for she has a standing feud with John Steinbeck for popularizing that particular name for the natives of Oklahoma.

In addition to handing out smiles and bon-bons, Betsy is on the receiving end for fan-mail in quantity. That, too, is easily understood.

We do not regret to report that the young lady is carrying the torch for an aviator, and not even the army at that, for the lucky man is with the navy, and overseas at the present. He must have had quite a taste for sweets, for when he went to a soda fountain back in Oklahoma, he found Betsy there as well as the soda, and was smart enough to go for both.

Miss LeFevers came from Tishomingo, Oklahoma, with her aunt a year ago, and when her aunt went to work at Letterman, she came right along. Her first job here was in the branch Post Exchange but after a month transferred to her present position behind the candy counter in the main P. X., where she has remained ever since.

Back in Tishomingo, there are two more blonde little LaFevers sisters and one young brother. The big brother is in Saipan with the army. And we hope Betsy, blonde hair, blue eyes, charm bracelet and all will stay right here at Letterman with the army.

Her home address and telephone number is restricted information.

ENLISTED TECHNICIANS SCHOOL

This week 191 students graduated from the medical department enlisted technicians school as surgical, medical, laboratory and X-ray technicians. They were assigned to Hammond, Dibble, and Letterman General Hospitals for an additional month's training. Upon completion of their final month they will be returned to their proper station. New students arrived from Ft. Lewis, Washington, Friday. Classes for this group will start Monday, 11 September 1944.

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The detachment takes this opportunity to welcome Lt. Oliver I. Allen, AUS, the newest addition to the staff of officers at the school. Lt. Allen was transferred from SCU 3905, Stanford University; is married and the father of an infant daughter. He assumed the duties of supply officer, assistant adjutant and assistant detachment commander.

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First Sgt. William L. Sink, head man of the headquarters section, recently returned from a furlough spent in Beach Haven, Pennsylvania. The Sgt. reports his "vacation" was excellent except for the high temperatures that are enjoyed throughout the eastern part of the United States during August.

USO Invitation Is Extended To Our Ambitions Actors

Men with a yen for the footlights will have a chance to indulge their secret ambitions with the help of the Salvation Army branch of the USO at 989 Market Street in San Francisco.

The program director of the club announces that a "Service Men and Women's Amateur Night" will be held every Thursday at 2000, with prizes awarded to the best talent and a long distance call given free each week as one of the prizes.

If interested get in touch with Corporal Hugh Ashley who will make the necessary preliminary arrangements.

Tanks Take Paris

When Brig. Gen. Jacques Leclerc's 2nd French Armored Division rolled into Paris after a historic march that started in Chad, West Africa, two years ago, a couple of American GIs rode in with them.

The two American soldiers were Sgt. Reg Kenny and Pvt. Howard Katzander, YANK staff correspondents, who drove into the capital with the French Forces which freed the city after four years of Nazi bondage, in a captured German volkswaggon.

Here is the way Katzander describes their entry into Paris:

"We moved with the column at dawn, passed the onrushing armor and entered Ports d'Orleans between lines of cheering people of Paris as the sun came up. Some of the vehicles turned left when we reached the Bienvenue station of the Paris subway, but we went straight on down the Avnue du Maine. (Yes, Paris has a Main Street, too.) We stayed with the tanks as they headed along Montparnasse Boulevard and the Boulevard des Invalides toward Napoleon's tomb.

"There the crowds closed in around our car and men and women began to smother us with kisses. We were the first Americans they had seen in Paris and the welcome they gave us was something for the books."

Potato Patch Turns Into Landing Field

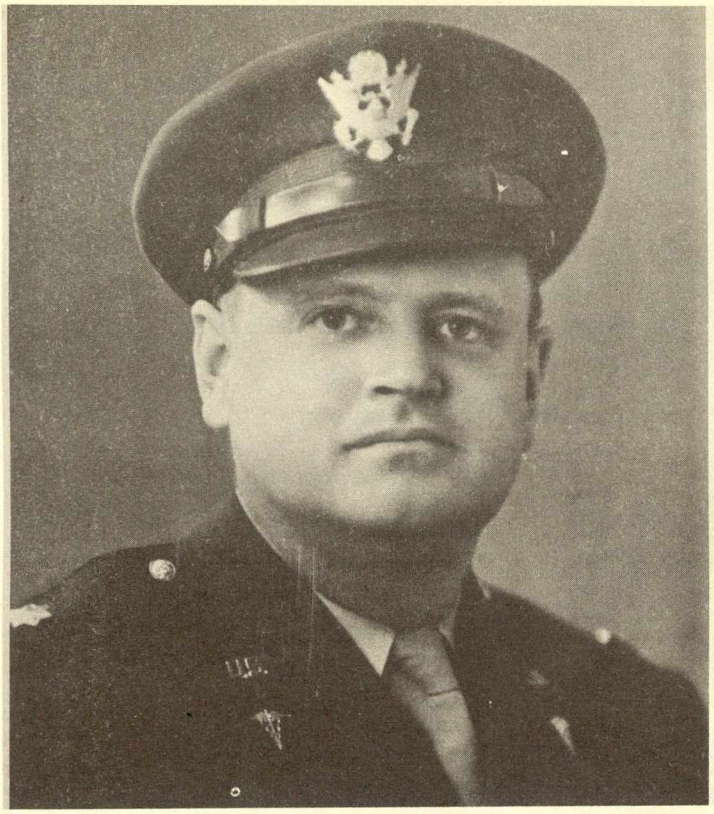
When American aviation engineers take over French farmers' fields or orchards for emergency landing strips, Army Civil Affairs pays rent for every square foot.

This leads to some cockeyed real estate transactions reports Sgt. Bill Davidson in an article entitled "Aviation Engineers in France," featured in the September 22 issue of YANK, The Army Weekly.

For example, one old French lady complained that she was not receiving sufficient rent for her land; the site chosen by the engineers was the same strip where her potatoes were growing, and selling potatoes was the only way she could make a living.

The GIs of an engineer battalion promptly solved this problem by digging up her potatoes and presenting her with several truckloads before ploughing the field under.

COLONEL COCKS, NATIVE SON OF SAN FRANCISCO IS ANNEX EXECUTIVE



LT. COL. CHARLES E. COCKS, JR., M. C.
Assistant Executive Officer—Dante Annex LGH

Every once in a while we run into something that is amazing enough for inclusion in Ripley's "Believe it or not," and it happened again the other day when we learned that Lieut. Colonel Charles E. Cocks, Jr., had the good fortune to be born in San Francisco yet deliberately and consciously moved across the bay to Alameda and lived there until called to active duty in the Medical Corps of the Army of the United States.

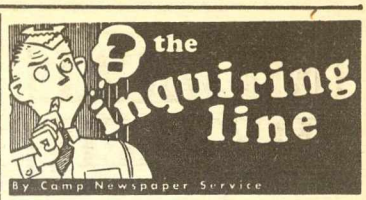
Until a few weeks ago Colonel Cocks was the commanding officer of the Station Hospital, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, and when that organization was merged with Letterman General Hospital the colonel remained on the staff as the assistant executive officer. His job is to carry out the policies and directives of the commanding general, and by training and experience he is the officer best fitted for the assignment.

Colonel Cocks attended grammar and high school in Alameda and then moved over to Berkeley as a student at the University of California where he took his bachelor's degree in arts. Still liking that side of the bay he enrolled in the Medical School of the University and received his degree in Medicine with the Class of 1933. He spent his interneship at the Alameda County Hospital and later held a residency at the Peralta Hospital in Oakland.

The colonel was appointed a first lieutenant, Medical Corps Reserve, on graduation and was called to extended active duty as a captain in April 1941, and assigned to the Station Hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif. In August of the same year he was transferred to the Oakland Army Base as Post Surgeon and remained there until ordered to activate the Station Hospital, SEPE., in February 1943. He was promoted to his present rank of lieutenant colonel on 2 December 1943.

In 1943 the colonel was married to the former Miss Ruth E. Dunn, of Berkeley, and has two children, Barbara 8, and Richard 4.

Despite his defection, or even desertion to the enemy in the East Bay, the people on this side consider him an asset to the community and to the service—but for that San Francisco claims all the credit.



Q. I'm a Regular Army man, see, with two hitch stripes on my sleeve. I have been told that I am not eligible for benefits under the GI Bill of Rights because I'm not a selectee. That sounds fishy but it might be true. Tell me, is it?

A. Of course not. The only eligibility requirement for GI Bill of Rights benefits is that you must have served in the Army on or after Sept 16, 1940.

Q. I'm attending Cooks and Bakers School but, at heart, I'm really a fighting man. I want to transfer to the Rangers. How can I do this?

A. Right now you're out of luck. The Rangers do not exist as a TO part of the Army. They were formed from men taken from other units in Africa and England. Thus far, no Ranger units have been formed in the U. S.

Separation Center Cuts Discharge Time

Ft. Dix, N. J. (CNS) — The Army's Separation Center here has reduced the minimum time necessary to discharge an enlisted man from 48 hours to 11 hours. Before the center was established here it usually took from two days to two weeks to get through all the formalities of discharging a man.

Officers Check Hats At GI Beer Party

England (CNS)—Officers at a Flying Fortress Base here recently held a free beer party for the enlisted men under their command. Officers above the rank of captain were waiters. Second lieutenants checked hats.

96 Percent Recover From Battle Wounds

Washington (CNS)—Of all the men wounded in battle, 96 percent now recover, the War Department has disclosed. This amazing record, the WD says, is due to modern medical equipment.

Transport Run Too Rough for Ace

Salt Lake City (CNS) — Maj. Richard Bong, who shot down 27 Jap planes in the Southwest Pacific, passed through here in a commercial transport liner recently — and he wasn't happy about it. Maj. Bong was airsick.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Brass hats in the United States Army have become as sports conscious as Brooklyn Dodger fans. And from now on you're going to see a lot of sports activity in the Army—both within the U. S. and abroad.

According to the War Department, the Army is planning to spend about $20,000,000 on sporting goods for GIs during the coming year. This outlay is almost three times the amount laid aside for sports equipment last year.

The Army also has set up a special command to carry out its new sports program in order to place more emphasis on sports in the training of soldiers.

Here's the way the WD explains its new plan:

"Hitherto, exigencies of combat training have necessitated emphasizing physical conditioning with competitive games limited to leisure time. As the tactical situation improves, Army planning can be expected to encourage the natural desire of the soldier for competitive athletics. . . ."

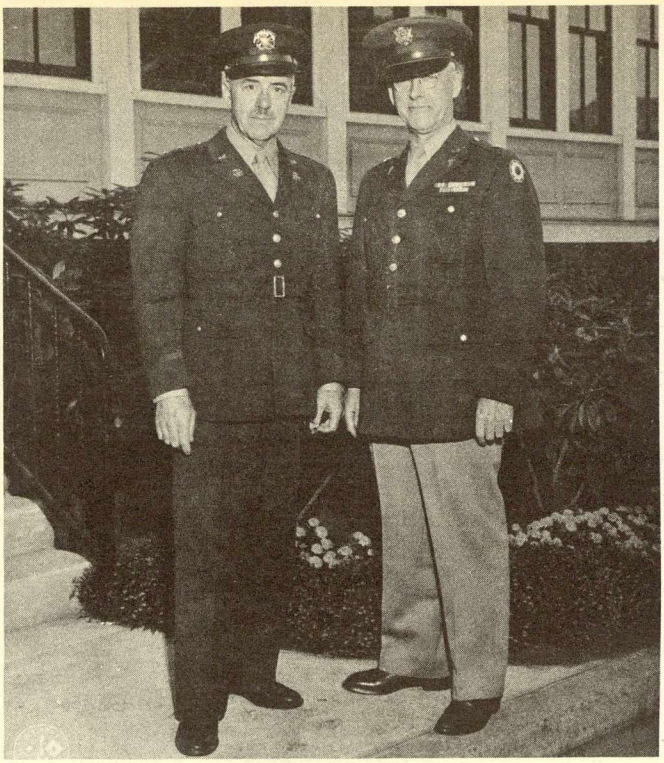
Casey Has a Winner

Old Casey Stengel is smiling again. For the first time in ten years he has a good ball club to manage. After quitting his depressing job with the Boston Braves, he signed up to succeed Charlie Grimm as boss of the Milwaukee Brewers, of the American Association, and right now the Brewers are leading the pack.

In Casey's lexicon there are only two kinds of ball players, good ones, or "professionals"—the kind he has at Milwaukee this year, and bad ones, or "ribbon clerks"—the kind he used to have at Brooklyn and Boston.

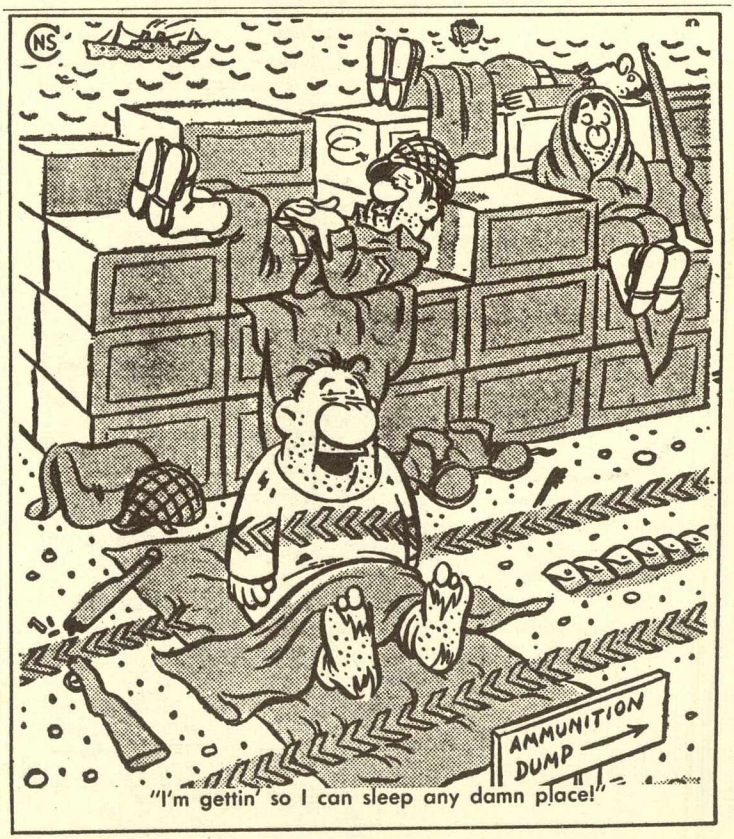
Once, when the ageless professor was managing the Dodgers many years ago he sent in as a pinch runner an over-zealous youngster who had joined the team just the day before. Carrying the winning run, the young hero rounded second on a banjo hit, came into third under a full head of steam and then fell flat on his face at Casey's feet and was tagged out. The good professor had just one comment to make of his disappointing performance. "Get up, you ribbon clerk," he said—and walked away.

Lancaster, Pa. (CNS) — A 28-year-old West Virginian has written to Lancaster's mayor, asking his aid in finding a bride. "I want one not so bad-looking," he wrote, "not too wild and not too tame."



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

General Hillman (right) is shown with Dr. Thomas H. Parran, Chief of the United States Public Health Service, who was a Letterman visitor on Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Parran met the senior officers of the command and later went on a tour of the hospital under the guidance of General Hillman, our commanding general.



News From Home

Atlanta (CNS) — A local resi dent has sued his aunt for bor rowing his best suit of clothes- in which she buried Uncle George

Brooklyn (CNS) — His resem blance to the late actor, Leslie Howard, was the downfall of Ar tie Rosenfeldt, who was picked up by police here after several resi dents had complained that the had been robbed by "a man who looks like Leslie Howard."

Chicago (CNS)—Big Paul Der ringer, Chicago Cubs' pitcher, wo a divorce from his wife after h complained that she pegged cock tail glasses and plates at him.

Cincinnati (CNS)—When Mrs Lena Coffin won a divorce from her husband she asked no alimo ny. But she did ask—and receiv —custody of a carnival exhibit, a two-headed baby preserved in a jar.

Gloucester, Mass. (CNS)—Each week for 32 years, Theresa Nau man saved a little money. Now, a 62, she has enough to do that upon which her heart has been set- pay for a divorce from her hus band, who deserted her in 1912.

Great Falls, Mont. (CNS)—A 3 p.m. Ruby Olsen was granted a divorce from Walter Olsen. At p.m. Ruby Olsen and Joe Ander son were married. The best man was Walter Olsen.

Manhattan Beach, Cal. (CNS)— Harry White received this tele gram from his son-in-law: "Rut in hospital. Baby boy born las night." Harry White answered "Mom in hospital too. Baby bo born last night—too."

New York (CNS)—Fred Aller the comic, has written to th manufacturer of built-up shoes t place an order for built-dow shoes. "I am four inches talle than Mrs. Allen," he complained "and would like to buy a pair o shoes that lowers a man fou inches."

Pueblo, Col. (CNS) — A bul snake entered the home of a Pueblo family. The family im- mediately attacked the snake with poisonous gas, then evacuated the house and spent the night in the family auto. The snake sniffed the fumes for a while and then quie- ly left.

San Francisco (CNS)—A couple of thieves swiped almost $7,000 in nickles and dimes from a ciga- rette vending machine company here. The loot weighed 450 pounds.

Seattle (CNS)—Two buses halt- ed at an intersection. The driver of one, a man, climbed out and kissed the driver of the other one, a woman, smack on the mouth. "She's my wife," he explained to his astonished passengers. "We work different shifts and the only time I see her is at this intersec- tion."

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Abbott & Costello Play to Thousand Patients in Patio

The clamor in the patio on Wednesday afternoon was all brought about by the presence of those two zanies of the air and screen, Lou Costello and Bud Abbot, who were making a visit to the hospital. Those comedians never do things quietly, and the more noise they make the better is the entertainment for the audience.

Messrs. Abbot and Costello arrived at the hospital under escort of Lt. Karl Gertenhouse, Asst. Special Services Officer, and were received by the Commanding General, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, in his office. General Hillman thanked the stars for their kindness in coming out to entertain our patients and after an informal chat the party proceeded to the patio where a stage had been set up and the band from Hamilton Field was ready to assist with the program.

More than one thousand patients were gathered to watch the show and listen to the funmakers at the mike. Abbot asked what the men desired in the way of dialougue, and the demand for the "baseball" story was unanimous. Costello expressed himself as well pleased with their choice because, he said, "You were going to get it anyway." The "Telegram" story received a big hand also, and the program continued for ninety minutes before the actors moved off to make visits to the bed patients on some of the wards.

Lou Costello pleaded fatigue as he had been host to four recently returned veterans the night before. He met the men at the Stage Door Canteen and when he discovered they had no place to sleep that night he invited all four to his suite at one of the large hotels in San Francisco. As his guests the men were treated to a telephone call to their homes—and all of them lived on the east coast. Each man told his family on his arrival and where and with whom he was at the moment. Lou had to back up that statement in all cases. The families really got a thrill out of that particular phone call and Costello said it was worth the sleep he lost.

Abbot and Costello were here on a previous visit just after we received the first group of wounded men from Hickam Field, and on that occasion as well as on this recent visit they made a definite contribution to the morale of the men who have come back from fighting "over there."



BUD ABBOT AND LOU COSTELLO
Telling it to the patients in the Letterman Patio. More than a thousand men home from overseas were in the audience.

Col. Schlanser is Visitor Here

Colonel A. E. Schlanser, one time Chief of the EENT Service, was a visitor to Letterman during this week.

Col. Schlanser is at present the commanding officer of the station hospital at Fort Riley, Kans. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Schlanser and his daughter, Dorothy.

'This Is The Army'

New York (CNS)—Three hundred thousand GIs overseas saw the Army's show, "This Is the Army," during its tour of England and Italy, according to Irving Berlin, who recently returned to New York from a four-months' tour with the show.

Berlin composed a new song, "There Are No Wings On a Foxhole," during his tour abroad.

Stockton Team Is Just Too Much for Presidio All Stars

By winning three straight games, Stockton Air Field won the Central Security District championship in a playoff held at the Presidio of San Francisco 8, 9, and 10 September 1944.

Led by Lt. Cliff Perry, former University of California and Coast League player, and Pvt. Alex Kampouris, major league star, the Stockton team had no difficulty in sweeping the tournament by defeating the Presidio All-Stars twice, 8-2 and 7-3, and Fort Barry, representing the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, 11-2.

Stockton will meet teams from the Eastern, Southern and Northern Security Districts at Santa Barbara on 21, 22, 23 and 24 September for the championship of the Ninth Service Command.

In the opening game of the tournament, held at the Presidio on 8 September, Stockton Field defeated to Presidio 8-2. Pfc. W. Bailey held the Presidio to 3 hits, while Stockton reached Sgt. Ted Coffey for 7 hits.

Lt. Cliff Perry, manager of the Stockton team, hit 3 for 4. Pvt. Alex Kampouris started the Stockton scoring by stealing home in the first inning.

FIRST GAME

Presidio All Stars	AB	H	PO	A
Murphy, lf	4	1	2	0
Wainwright, cf	4	1	1	0
Ameidi, ss	3	0	4	2
Walker, rf	4	0	0	0
Payne, c	4	0	5	2
Brensel, 1b	3	1	9	0
Edwards, 3b	3	0	1	3
Giovonetti, 2b	3	0	2	1
Coffey, p	3	0	0	2
Total	31	3	24	10

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ARMY NURSES IN NORMANDY MAKE LIFE BETTER AND BRIGHTER

The letter appearing below was written by Captain Mamie Miller, ANC., Principal Chief Nurse of a hospital in Normandy, to the Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield. It was published in "Army Life" and given here because it has a special appeal for us in the Medical Department at Letterman.—Editor.

We are in Normandy. It is a lovely rural section of France. Green pastures, dense woodlands, well-kept orchards, winding roads, lots of shrubbery, beautiful roses, good gardens, and vine-covered stone walls. The homes are large stone houses with beautiful, wrought iron grill work at the windows; deep window sills on which pots of glowing red geraniums sit at this season.

The horses and cattle look sleek and well cared for. The farmers have odd two-wheeled buggies and on Sunday we frequently see a whole family tucked into one of these two-wheeled affairs—out for a Sunday drive. Makes us think of the movies of the "gay nineties." Dairying and fruit growing seem to be the chief occupations in this section.

The French people have been pleasant to us. They have not been emotional, nor have they appeared overjoyed at our coming. They seem to take all such changes for granted. A French family lives very near us—in fact, we are using their pasture for our hospital area. Their kitchen is a typical one here—it serves as a living-dining room as well as kitchen—no matter how large the house. There is something friendly, cozy, and homey about it. The walls have rows of highly polished copper and brass cooking utensils hanging in neat rows. Large shelves hold large platters, trays, and bowls. There is a large table in the center of the room and rocking chairs in cozy corners. The fireplace is large—a really usable fireplace — with cranes for hanging pots and kettles. The hearth equipment is kept well polished and everything in the kitchen is neat, clean, and attractive—no matter how old. It is quite a contrast to English kitchens, which nearly always were the most unattractive place in the house.

The countryside here is as pretty as it is in England but the grass is more lush here and the woodlands are a little wilder. Beautiful ferns grow in the woods. Birds are plentiful, but we are less conscious of them than we were in England—perhaps because we are much busier here.

The weather has been cool with plenty of rain—but we are more comfortable in our tents than we were in English homes. When the sun comes out, the tents heat up so things dry out — in England everything we possessed was damp all of the time.



ARMY NURSES
Transported by "duck" their stations in Normandy.

Our three little platoons are running very well. I have charge of First Platoon. It was my platoon who took the first patients, and the men and officers did a splendid piece of work in caring for the patients before we nurses arrived. By the time we joined our unit, all but one ward tent of patients had been evacuated to England. Those remaining never could be moved. The first time I saw them, I felt that most of them would never leave France. My nurses were tired after their exciting crossing but they were eager to pitch in and care for the patients. And what a difference it made! Those gravely ill patients took a new lease on life! Within three days all but one patient was ready to be flown back to England!

All our patients are gravely ill. The minor injuries do not stop with us—they go further back. Each patient whom we nurse along to the stage where he can be evacuated is literally snatched from the grave. General Hawley and Colonel Rogers visited us a few days ago, and I told them I thought the nurses were worth their weight in gold. They agreed, and commended us for the work we are doing. The patients are so grateful for everything we do for them—and they are the best patients in the world!

But then, our Army is the best in the world, too! I have learned what the Signal Corps, the Engineers, and the Quartermaster mean in a combat area. I am always amazed at the efficiency with which such a vast number of men and supplies are handled.

Our food is good—all canned—perhaps a bit monotonous but we are not complaining. We know no other army eats as well, and we marvel at the way we are kept constantly supplied. We have no bread—we eat hard crackers which look like graham crackers and have learned to like them very much. We have sufficient butter, coffee, sugar and hard candies. Our Third Platoon gets its provisions from another depot, so they have been able to get dehydrated potatoes. We have plenty of cigarettes, matches and soap.

We have movies here — good movies — sometimes two shows a day! It is a splendid diversion for the people off duty. We do not leave our area except on official business and it is quit eessential to have something to take people's minds off their work. When you see the sights we see and work with for twelve to fourteen hours a day, you come off duty tense and tired—you feel like blood, you smell like blood—it is in your hair and on your clothing—you need something to make you forget.

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THE UBIQUITOUS M. P.
Points the way to her new station in Normandy.

FOR THE BATTLE WOUNDED ON OUR WESTERN FRONT IN FRANCE

Our hospitals are all in plain siight. The Germans know where we aare—they fly over us frequently. So faar, the big red crosses on our tents haave been respected. Occasionally, scome member of the medical corps iss injured — from stray bullets or flying shrapnel—but it is accidental. WWe have had some exciting moments annd some "near" accidents, but so faar, we are all well and happy. We haave quickly learned the sound of GGerman planes, the whine of bombs annd the whistle of big shells, but as titime goes on we pay less attention tto them. However, we all have fox hholes and know how to use them wwhen necessary. Most of the time, aall is peaceful; and then it does not sseem as though we are in a combat zzone.

We are still having double summermertime, so it is still twilight at 111 p. m. After that we have complete black-out. We were so used to it in England that it seemed natural enough over here. The hospital tents are well blacked out and are lighted inside with electric lights so we can do our work just as well at night as in the daytime.

There seem to be very few young men or women here. We have been told that the Germans took them all away. The little children look healthy and happy. They salute or wave to us when we go by. Occasionally we see a child give a Nazi salute — they haven't learned the difference yet. It is interesting to see how quickly the little ones become acquainted with the American soldier. Our men are so good to children and win their confidence quickly. Many a little boy in England told me that he was going to join the American Army when he grows up.

Most of the people in this rural section wear wooden shoes — just like the ones we picture the people of Holland wearing. It is a sensible footwear for them—warm in winter, cool in summer—dry, convenient, and economical. Some of our enlisted men have traded jackknives or other personal objects for pairs of wooden shoes and have given us many laughs in seeing them try to wear them.

Most of us cannot speak French but we manage to put over our thoughts by gestures. It causes much merriment on both sides.

Gentle brindle cows graze in our hospital area. French women come over three times a day to milk them. They bring over large brass jugs for milk containers. We also have a flock of geese in our area—all white birds with gray wings. They toddle all around the tents, stripping the seed heads from the tall grass. They really make a pretty picture when silhoueted against the dark tents or against the green grass.

We have our own arrangement for hot showers once a week. We have a machine which draws water from a clear brook nearby. The motor heats the water before it flows through a hose which supplies eight shower heads with a forceful spray. There are duckboards to stand on and an all-around screen which gives us privacy. We enjoy it thoroughly.

We also have two electric washing machines, so manage to take care of hospital and personal laundry very well. We do not bother to iron things—we seem to fit into the picture better with unironed clothes.

I have twelve additional nurses now—all surgical nurses—four for each platoon. They arrived after the first big rush was over. I am glad to have them with us as it makes it possible to put the six nurses of each platoon in the post-operative wards. When we first set up each time—there is no one in Post-Operative—the big rush is in shock and surgery tents. Then Post-Op begins to fill up, and all available help is needed in those wards. Post-Op is really the heaviest work in the whole hospital. With eight or ten I V's going, five or six plasmas being given, and the same number of patients getting whole blood, besides all the Wangensteens going, the ward looks like a forest of tubing. There are so many hypodermics of morphine to give, so much penicillin to give intramuscularly; and the great number of large and small dressings to change; also the feeding problem, pushing fluids, giving baths and other bedside care.

We have managed very well—but the nurses have been wonderful. Their interest in their work, their co-operation, and their willingness to give any amount of time or energy to their patients has been splendid. And we have very good

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Comfort from a cigarette—and an Army nurse.



SMILING ARMY NURSE
Means a lot to a wounded soldier.



A hypodermic is easy to take from a cheerful nurse. This nurse, Lieutenant Nolan, received the Purple Heart in Italy.

THE FOG HORN

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Military Folk-Lore

Soldiers have to learn to sift what they hear, and separate what is true from what is false. Sometimes a story starts making the rounds; it has all the earmarks of truth—but it is not true. Once it originated in the fertile brain of some GI, and from that moment passes as a historical fact. Such stories make up the content of military folk-lore. It sounds all right—it could have happened—but it did not happen.

It seems that "just the other day" the roving M. P. was riding his bike in the area behind some mess hall. All of a sudden he happened to see one of the GIs eating out of garbage can. Of course, he stopped and got off his bike, strolled toward the garbage cans, and said sweetly, "Hey, what's goin' on here, Bud?" The GI looked up defensively and answered: "Why, I am just eating out of this garbage can." But the hard-hearted M. P. cracked down on him in no uncertain terms: "You can just go right back into the mess-hall—you are no better than anybody else."

Thus is a new army story added.

Resort Hotels Now Redistribution Posts

Washington (CNS) — Overseas veterans of the Army Ground Forces and the Army Service Forces have moved into resort hotels at Miami Beach, Fla., and Santa Barbara, Cal., the first of five AGF and ASF redistribution stations where men returning for duty within the United States will be reclassified and reassigned.



Nurses come and nurses go—and early this week 1st Lieut. Leota Duke left Letterman to establish a niche for herself with the Surgery Department at Dante, the Letterman annex. Miss Duke joined the nursing staff here in November of 1942 and was a 'real old timer' here. The lieutenant has left this hospital but won't be too far away. Her duties will be the same—Surgical Supervisor.

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'The Last of the Mohicans,' so to speak, are the six nurses—last of the LGH nursing staff to go off to the train unit, early this week. The group of six included: Second Lieutenants Opal Jean Hanson, Adrienne M. Solomon, Madge Sledge, Elizabeth White, Eva K. Ordway and Eleanor Jones.

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1st Lieut. Margaret J. Giles is just one 'in' ahead of 'in agin, out agin—Finnigin' when she was hospitalized again this week. Sincere wishes that the 'out agin' is not too far away.

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From the Cadet Nurses boss' office comes word that nine more cadets arrived from hospitals of the bay area to report for duty here at Letterman, late this week.

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On last Saturday evening, about seven o'clock, marriage vows were being pronounced in the hospital Post Chapel when Lieutenant Cerita J. de Bit became the bride of Baker B. Hardin, Captain, U. S. Army.

Lieut. de Bit is assigned to duty with the train unit. She joined the nursing staff here in May of this year.

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When Lieuts. Evelyn Barbier, Olga Dorash and Edith Wener attended the opera 'Prince Igor' at the Opera House recently, they all admitted they didn't understand it—but they did enjoy it.

100 Millionth Check Sent Out by ODB

Newark, N. J. (CNS)—The 100 millionth check has been mailed from the War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits, the WD has announced. The check was a family allowance payment of $120 and went to a soldier's wife and three children in San Francisco.

THE OBSERVER SAW

T/4 Amos Skadsheim beamingly passing out cigars over the advent of a nine-pound baby daughter.

Corporal Pat Sullivan happily shucking duties as he left for a fifteen-day furlough.

Captain Donald Pratt, undaunted by the foggy weather, heading for what is becoming a customary Sunday afternoon picnic.

Sergeant Lou Villa hopefully shopping for broadcasting teeth so that he can wrestle more successfully with such unpronounceables as "Lwow."

T/5 Charles A. Thorpe sick in bed in his own ward at the end of the first day of his three-day pass.

Captain Bunny Edwards making a strong bid for Ed Thorgason's spot in the sports reporting world.

Pfc. Bob Anderson chortling with glee as he stands knee-deep in the fine selection of new records sent to the hospital.

Corporal Scott Ross being indoctrinated into the scientific game of Scotch pingpong at the Service Club and claiming that he can't think righthanded and lefthanded at the same time.

MORE ABOUT ARMY NURSES

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corps men. All the teaching and training that has been done in the past year is coming to light now. Henceforth, the surgical nurses will take complete charge of surgery. After the first heavy rush is over, they will add the shock ward to their duties—leaving the rest of us free for the Post-Op wards.

I really believe that not one single member of our hospital personnel would go home now if he had a chance. This work seems so urgent, so necessary—we are glad to be here. It is what we have been training and waiting for—for so long. It is a rich experience and one in which we are rewarded constantly by look and word from our patients. In spite of the tragedy and shock and pain around us, in spite of bombs and shells and German planes and flying flak, we have many laughs and have seen many pleasant things and had interesting experiences which will always be a source of joy to us.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, September 17, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
Daily—Mass, 1700
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Employees on LGH Staff Make Deposits At Blood Bank

On Tuesday of this week a group of patriotic citizens among the employees of Letterman Hospital made a visit to the Blood Bank in San Francisco and donated a pint of blood to be used for the men in the armed forces.

In the group and making her fifth donation was Wilhelmina Kiest, of the Motor Pool, while other repeaters were Paula M. Bartels, of the Laundry, and Ethel Anne Fraley, ward attendant, Jane Blumenthal, Personnel Office, three timers, and Gertrude Imbleau making her second donation.

First trippers were Gertrude Arata, of the Laundry, Jane Zobel, of Personnel, Georgia Sanderson, of the Motor Pool, and Marion Harman, Maude Redd, and Marguerite Haman, all of the Red Cross staff.

Washington (CNS) — Every GI in the Army is going to have turkey on Thanksgiving if the Quartermaster Corps has anything to say about it.

As early as last June, plans were drawn up for the procurement and distribution of supplies for the holiday feast, according to the War Department, and more than a million pounds of turkey have been obtained.

New York—"Do you know where I can buy a good used car?" the Army psychiatrist asked inductee Harry Proper, a used car salesman. "Are you crazy?" queried Proper.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



LEONARD P. SAPONE
Private, Medical Dept.

Private Leonard P. Sapone, now a member of the medical detachment personnel, hails from the easterly section of these United States—namely, the state of New Jersey. He was born in Chatham, but was just two years old when his family decided to move on to Boundbrook. But not content to establish a home in that particular section of the state they again made a move—to Plainfield. Apparently finding this town in keeping with their ideals of a 'home-town'—the Sapone family settled and Leonard received his 'book learning' there.

After completing the required grammar school courses, our buck entered Plainfield High School where he studied a general course and in addition participated in various sports at the school. Basketball and track seemed to appeal to Sapone the most, for he soon won prominence among his fellow schoolmates for his ability to exceed in these sports — though modesty prompts him not to divulge this in the interview.

Upon graduation from school he went to work driving a truck for a local produce merchant and remained with this work for seven years, when he saw an opportunity for advancement in another company and went to work there. It was the Queencity Moving Company and he remained there until he received his induction notification on 13 February 1941.

For induction preliminaries, Pvt. Sapone was sent to Fort Dix and from there to Fort Bliss, Texas, for his basic training. A series of assignments to duty as a truck driver ensued and in February of 1944 he was transferred here to Letterman where he now works in the Message Center.

Like all average young American men, Pvt. Sapone enjoys to participating in the sport of swimming, and enjoys observing big league baseball games. And on that day when he dons those civilian clothes again, he hopes to establish a trucking business of his own in his own home town.

War Department Adopts GI Demobilization Plan

By Camp Newspaper Service

With Germany hanging on the ropes and awaiting the final Allied knockout blow, the Army has released its answer to the question uppermost in the minds of many GIs:

"When am I going to go home?"

The answer can be found in the Army's plan for the readjustment of its military personnel after the defeat of Germany and prior to the defeat of Japan, a plan that calls for a partial demobilization from the Army's present peak strength.

When the war against Germany has ended, the War Department has announced, the military might of the U. S. will be shifted from the European area to the Pacific area. Military requirements in the European and American areas will be drastically curtailed and marked increases will be necessary in the Pacific.

The war is not over yet, but the news for many soldiers is that some of them won't have to stick around to the finish, to serve their complete "duration and six," but instead will be discharged into civilian life.

In order to bring about this gradual demobilization of excess personnel, the Army first will transfer many men from theaters no longer active to the Pacific war zone, or from the United States to the Pacific war zone.

Then, men declared surplus to the needs of each overseas theater and to the major commands in the United States will be assembled in the U. S. From among them, some men will be declared essential, and "a substantial number" will be declared non-essential to the new military needs of the Army. The latter will be returned to civilian life.

To determine the fairest method of discharging men, the WD went to the soldiers themselves. Thousands of GIs were interviewed and their opinions formed the principles of the Army's plan.

As finally worked out, the plan accepted by the WD will allow men who have been overseas, and men with dependent children to have priority of separation. Ninety per cent of the soldiers interviewed said that this is the way it should be.

In brief, the plan works like this:

An "Adjusted Service Rating Card" will be issued to all enlisted personnel after the defeat of Germany. On this card the following four factors will determine the priority of separation:

1. Service credit—based upon the total number of months of Army service since Sept. 16, 1940.
2. Overseas credit—based upon the number of months served overseas.
3. Combat credit—based upon the first and each additional award to the individual soldier of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and Bronze Service Stars. These are the only awards for which credit will be given.
4. Parenthood credit — which gives credit for each dependent child under 18 up to a limit of three children.

The value of the point credits will be announced after the end of the fighting in Europe. The total point score will be used to select surplus men from the theaters overseas and in the U. S. The score also will be used when "a certain portion of all these surplus men will be declared non-essential and returned to civilian life."

In all cases, of course, the demands of military necessity and the needs of the war against Japan must first be met. Regardless of a man's priority standing, certain types of personnel can never become surplus as long as the war against Japan continues. Most GIs realize that the war will not be won, nor the peace enjoyed, until Japan has been defeated.

This Week's Biggest Whopper

England (CNS) — Radio Berlin has reported that a Luftwaffe lieutenant named Barmann recently shot down 11 Russian planes in one day, bringing his total score to 301.

Gurkhas Want 'Chutes In 800 Foot Jumps

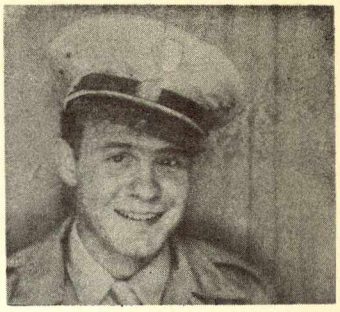
Burma (CNS) — "What do you think," the British officer said to his Gurkha sergeant, "of the idea of Gurkha soldiers jumping from planes at 800 feet, like British and American troops."

The Gurkha sergeant shook his head. "Gurkha soldiers won't jump from 800 feet," he said. "Two hundred feet, okay."

"But," the officer argued, "at 800 the parachute has a better chance to open."

The Gurkha smiled and nodded. "Oh," he said. "You mean we get parachutes? That's different."

ON THE SPOT



Private RICHARD HOLZ
Amphibian Engineer Corps

Selected as a feature for this column is Private Richard Holz, of the Amphibian Engineer Corps. But being 'On the Spot' is of no consequence to this veteran since his experiences while in combat included an actual "hail of lead" during a New Guinea invasion.

Dick was inducted into the Army at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, on 7 July 1942, then went to Higgins Boat School at New Orleans, Louisiana. No sooner had he completed the course than he was ready for shipment overseas — with the ultimate destination, Australia. A rigid training period followed his arrival there and after five months went into the combat areas of New Guinea. Duties consisted of carrying supplies to the Allied troops and evacuating wounded soldiers to nearby hospital bases. During this activity the ship was under fire constantly — bombs, strafing and mortar fire from inland enemy positions. Two months of this duty and Holz returned to a staging area where preparations were made for the invasion of Tanahamara Bay, but where they were confronted with no resistance. However, the results of the next invasion was entirely opposite. The landing craft had been lying off the shore of Wadke Island all night awaiting orders. In the early dawn they were directed to move in. No sooner had it got underway—approximately 400 yards from the shore—when they encountered heavy cross fire from enemy installations on shore. Holz was ordered to fire one of the guns mounted near the rear of the small landing craft and in so doing made a target for one of the Jap bullets which lodged in his left elbow. When consciousness returned he was receiving plasma aboard a hospital ship. Hospitalization in New Guinea followed and then evacuation to the U. S. A. and Letterman.

MEDICAL DETACH

Furloughs seem to still be the order of the day and those who were fortunate recipients this week were: Pvt. George Ansell and Louis J. Molaro—each with 2 days; Cpl. Warren Altman with 24 days; Pvts. John F. DiMartino and Harry Rogers with 23 days; Sgt. John Y. James got 22 days and so did T/4th grds. Arthur Buller, Frances A. Lorentz and Cpl. Raymond R. Lane and Pvt. Louis B. Goldstein; Pfcs. William C. Adamic and Rufus J. McCulley—20 days; T/5th gr. John W. Ranson and Cpl. Phillip H. Bryant—19 days; T/5th gr. William H. Niehoff got 18 days; T/5th gr. William E. Carroll and Pfc. Edward A. Croce—17 days; Pfc. John E. Richter received 16 days and those who received 15 days were T/5th gr. Patrick J. Sullivan, S/Sgt. Walter A. Yohe, Pfcs. Ray Kimbriel and George W. Salsman.

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Farewells were in order this week when Pfc. Alvin R. Smith and Johnson Clemens left the detachment and a discharge in view in both cases. Pfc. Robert E. Whitemeyer received a transfer to George Washington University and took his departure this week.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Jack LaVelle delicate touch in constructing those cheese tid bits at the enlisted men's dance.

Sgt. Harry Ponerantz acting as straight-man for S/Sgt. West's card tricks and still wondering how Windy does it.

Cpl. Hugh Ashley and his music manuscript paper more nearly inseparable every day.

Pfc. Urban J. Louis, not so long departed from this detachment, back again this time in quest of knowledge at the MDETS X-Ray school.

T/5th gr. Tex Britton and his harmonica, another gruesome twosome.

Sgt. Harry Thomas back from 'Delay' spent at home in Milwaukee and giving visual evidence of a body building qualities of Milwaukee beer —especially around the midriff.

S/Sgt. Leonard Bell getting even closer to his work by moving into quarters on the Presidio.

MEMBER OF PIONEER GROUP TO REACH AUSTRALIA NOW STATIONED AT LGH



2nd Lt. STELLA POLOFSKY, ANC
Recently returned from a long tour down under.

One of the first of the Army Nurses to land in Australia after the opening of hostilities in the southwest Pacific was Lieut. Stella Therese Polofsky, A.N.C., and she stayed there for twenty-eight months, all the time longing for beans as cooked in Boston and never satisfied with the best of the army variety.

Lieut. Polofsky was born in Lynn, in the suburbs of Boston, where she early acquired that taste for beans. What is now known in this army as "Standard operating procedure" in Boston has always meant "Beans on Saturday Night"—and if you ever sampled the local product you would agree with the young lady.

The lieutenant attended St. Mary's High School in Lynn and had a year at Emanuel College in Boston before entering Boston City Hospital for her professional course. She was graduated in 1934 and remained on duty as a staff nurse for six years. In 1940 she was appointed to the Regular Army with station at Fort Banks, and later was transferred to Fort Devens where she served for nine months.

The war began for us in December 1941 and a month later Lieut. Polofsky was on her way to Australia with a general hospital unit from Cleveland. Her group was the first to land "Down under" and they proved to be real pioneers in clearing the way for the hundreds to follow. Again she was one of the first to take station in New Guinea where she served for nine months and left that island with the medical installations functioning smoothly.

In May of this year she was one of five nurses selected to come home under the "rotation plan," and after a brief leave of absence and a short stay at the re-assignment center in North Carolina the lieutenant was ordered to Letterman and reported for duty here on 3 August.

One of the promises made to the girls she left behind her in Australia was to send them some real Boston baked beans. One of the first things she did at Letterman was to get that package into the mails. Bostonians are noted for loyalty.

Lieut. Polofsky concurs that San Francisco is a long way from Boston, but they have fog there too, so she feels right at home here.

MORE ABOUT BASEBALL

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Stockton Army Air Base

Perry, cf	4	3	1	0
Stassi, lf	3	1	0	0
Kampouris, 2b	3	1	1	4
Quick, ss	3	1	1	4
Brasse, 1b	3	1	14	0
Androvich, 3b	4	0	1	3
Lombardi, rf	4	0	1	0
McNabb, c	4	0	6	1
Bailey, p	4	0	3	1
Total	32	7	27	13

Score by innings:

Presidio	000	200	000	—2
Stockton	200	040	20x	—8

Runs—Presidio 2, Murphy, Wainwright; Stockton 8, Stassi 3, Kampouris 2, Quick 2, Brasse. Errors—Wainwright 2, Ameidi 3, Quick 2. Left on bases—Presidio 2, Stockton 4. Two-base hits—Perry 2, Brasse, Brensel. Bases on balls—off Coffey 2, off Bailey 1. Struck out—by Coffey 4, by Bailey 3. Double plays—Kampouris to Quick to Brasse.

In the second game, also held 8 September, Fort Barry, representing the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, defeated the McClellan Field team by a score of 2-0.

Barry scored its two runs in the fourth inning following two errors by McClellan Field.

In the final inning Sgt. Hund struck out three McClellan Field batters to win the game.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
Fort Barry	2	5	1
McClellan	0	4	4

In the third game, held 9 September, the Presidio All-Stars defeated McClellan Field 4-1.

Sgt. John Downey allowed McClellan Field 2 hits, while Pvt. Frank Prowse let the Presidio reach him for 10 hits. Pfc. John Murphy, second baseman and captain of the Presidio nine, played heads up ball and accounted for a number of the outs against McClellan Field.

SECOND GAME

Presidio All Stars	AB	H	PO	A
Murphy, 2b	4	1	2	5
Wainwright, cf	4	1	0	0
Giovonetti, 3b	5	2	1	1
Walker, lf	4	0	0	0
Payne, c	5	2	7	1
Edwards, 1b	5	4	12	0
Ameidi, ss	5	0	2	1
Rist, rf	2	0	3	0
Downey, p	4	0	0	0

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WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS ©

Don't you believe that story you've been hearing about how Babe Ruth is coming back to baseball as a pinch-hitter. There is nothing to this particular latrine-o-gram, nothing to it at all.

Actually, the world's greatest fat man is going to confine his future athletic activities to golf, poker and an occasional round of Kelly pool unless someone offers him the big league managerial berth he has wanted all his life. And there isn't much likelihood of that.

When he was in his prime, Ruth was America's greatest sports personality. Maybe he still is. Now he's past 50 and the half-forgotten hero of a semi-legendary past. He still has the instinct, the flair and the sense of the dramatic which placed him upon a pinnacle none of his rivals could ever quite reach. The only difference is that now he bolngs to the ages.

It seemed strange, then, that during his recent stay in a New York hospital, where he had a cartilage removed from his knee, only one old ball player came to call on him. That was Al Schacht, the ex-pitcher, clown and restaurateur. It seemed kind of strange, to be sure, that Ruth, to whom baseball players owe more than they owe to anyone else, should be so easily forgotten by them. Before the Babe came along, they were paying off the players in nickels and dimes.

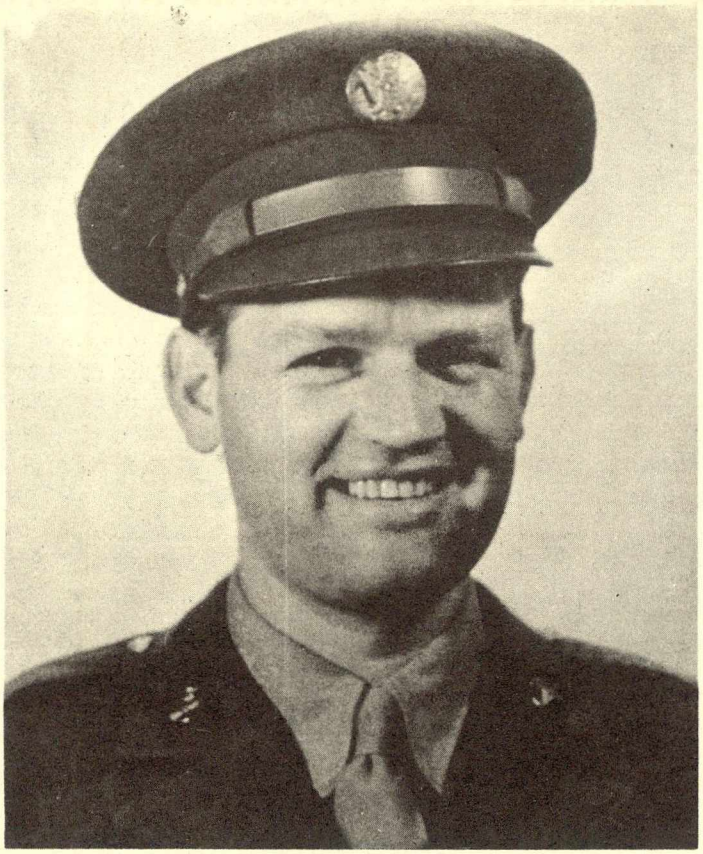
The Babe doesn't look at it this way,however. He has grown mellow with the years. He won't discuss his disappointment at not having landed that major league manager's job, or the rough deal he got in Boston, where he was mercilessly exploited during his last year in the game. He just won't talk about those things any more.

The Babe Vs. Brick

Ruth would rather talk about the fun he had. Like the time he was pitching for the Red Sox and Brick Owen was umpiring behind the plate.

"Brick was just breaking in as an umpire and the first two strikes I threw he called balls," the Babe recalls. " 'Why don't you get some sleep nights and then you wouldn't be so blind,' I yelled at Brick. 'Get to work or I'll t'row you outa the game,' Brick yelled, and I yelled, 'You do and I'll hit you in the mouth,' and he did and I hit him in the mouth."

CORPORAL ASHLEY BROUGHT HIS JOB WITH HIM TO THIS MAN'S ARMY



Cpl. HUGH C. ASHLEY
Letterman Entertainment Specialist

The G. I. Joe who finds himself doing in the Army what he did for a living in civil life may be counted among the contented. On the roster here we find the name of Corporal Hugh C. Ashley, our specialist in entertainment, who came to the Army with a background of Hollywood experience over a period of six years.

"Ash" was born in Searcy County, Arkansas, which permits him to share a feeling of state pride with our commanding General, and went through high school at Marshall before entering the University of Arkansas, where he majored in music.

He had read in the papers how young people from everywhere were making good in the capital of filmland, so he packed his guitar and came west. His was the usual experience of those who seek fame and fortune in the flickers—plenty of hard work and slow progress. "Ash" had made promising contacts, had been with name bands on the radio and in pictures, and then—up came the well known "Greetings, etc."

The corporal was inducted at Fort MacArthur and sent to Letterman for his basic training. It was not long before he was identified with the recreational programs and he has stayed with that activity. The Letterman Orchestra is one of his pet projects and that organization has won acclaim at every appearance. "Ash" plays his electric guitar and sings with the band in addition to making the musical arrangements.

The girls of the command will be interested to know that Corporal Ashley is still single. He has weathered many a siege among the celluloid celebrities but he remains indifferent to blondes and brunettes. On the other hand, to him, he says, "A red head spells trouble."

Wonder why?

News From Home

Alameda, Cal. (CNS)—A neurotic gunman, disappointed in his haul at a grocery store, poured a bottle of ink over the grocer's head.

Baltimore (CNS) — Henpecked Henry Killman won a divorce here after testifying that his 200-pound wife beat him with a hammer, threatened to poison him, chased him from their home with a pan of hot bacon grease, and then threw stones at his car, breaking the headlights.

Chicago (CNS) — A local lady borrowed $1,500 from her boy friend for an operation. Then she changed her mind. Instead she bought a saloon. The boy friend is suing.

Cleveland (CNS) — An enterprising restaurateur was fined in a Cleveland court for selling chop suey which included "beetles, wood splinters, dirt and wax."

Denver, Col. (CNS) — When a nude woman wandered into their apartment and asked if she might take a bath, the owners of the apartment said yes and then phoned the police. Cops arrived, wrapped the intruder in a sheet, and took her to the station house where she explained that she had "a drink or two—and then everything went blank."

Gallup, N. M. (CNS)—Hopi Indian dancers had completed plans for their annual supplications for rain at Shungopovi and Shipaulavi, but things started to go wrong right away. First, the Indians had trouble obtaining a snake priest. Then the antelope priest was tossed into jail for refusing to clip his sheep.

Indianapolis (CNS) — A sleepy burglar broke into a loan office, helped himself to $300 and then lay down on the counter for a nap. Several hours later a cop awakened him gently and led him away to the station house.

Memphis, Tenn. (CNS) — One Memphis department store is looking for 1,000 residents with two left feet. The store recently received 1,000 pairs of shoes—all for the left foot.

New Orleans (CNS) — Charles C. (Peppy Charlie) Carey marked his 85th birthday recently by pedaling his bicycle 70 miles. Peppy Charlie averages 200 miles of bike riding a week.

New York (CNS) — When the judge asked Joe Schleifer why he kept 29 gallons of bootleg alcohol in his cellar, Schleifer replied: "Judge, I like a little nip once in a while." The judge thought 29 gallons for nipping was overdoing it, so he fined Schleifer $100 and placed him on probation for a year.

MORE ABOUT BASEBALL

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Coffey	1	0	0	0
Total	39	10	27	8

McClellan Field

Christensen, 2b	1	0	2	4
Jones, cf	3	1	1	0
Bonomi, 3b	4	0	1	5
Mole, 1b	4	1	14	0
Prose, lf	3	0	1	0
Dalessio, ss	4	0	3	3
Lang, rf	4	0	0	0
Agler, c	3	0	4	0
Prowse, p	1	0	1	0
Total	27	2	27	12

Score by innings:

Presidio	001 000 012—4
McClellan	100 000 000—1

Runs — McClellan 1, Christensen; Presidio 4, Walker, Payne, Wainwright, Giovonetti. Errors — Mole, Prowse. Left on bases—Presidio 12, McClellan 6. Two-base hits—Giovonetti, Payne, Edwards 2, Wainwright, Mole. Bases on balls—off Downey 5, off Prowse 3. Struck out by Downey 7, by Prowse 4.

In the fourth game of the series, Stockton Air Field trounced the Fort Barry Lions by a score of 11-2, in a seven-inning tilt.

Cpl. Ray Smith hit a homer in the second inning to account for Fort Barry's two runs.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
Stockton	11	8	1
Fort Barry	2	5	12

Stockton batteries: Sgt. R. Bischoff and Lt. C. McNabb.

Fort Barry batteries: Sgt. Ralph Hund and Cpl. Bus Rowland.

In the fifth game of the tournament the Presidio All Stars trounced the Fort Barry Lions by a score of 8-3, winning the right to meet Stockton in the playoff.

THIRD GAME

Presidio All Stars	AB	H	PO	A
Murphy, 2b	3	0	2	4
Wainwright, cf	3	0	4	0
Giovonetti, 3b	3	1	1	1
Brensel, 1b	2	1	11	1
Payne, c	4	1	4	0
Ameidi, ss	3	1	1	3
Coffey, rf	4	1	3	0
Edwards, lf	3	1	2	0
Mangone, p	4	0	1	1
Total	29	6	27	10

Fort Barry

Langford, 3b	3	0	4	0
Wade, ss	5	1	4	1
Hoover, c	4	1	3	0
Grinus, 1b	3	0	3	0
Smith, lf	4	2	5	0
Fernandes, cf	3	1	1	0
Kafer, 2b	4	1	1	1
Merkle, rf	4	1	0	0
Webber, p	1	1	2	1
Wright, p	2	0	1	0
Rowland	1	0	0	0
Total	34	8	24	3

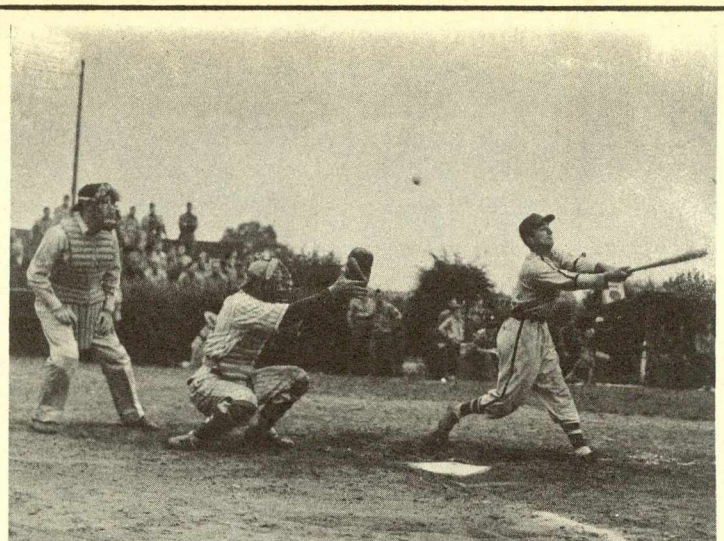
Score by innings:

Ft. Barry	000 012 000—3
Presidio	100 023 20x—8

Runs—Ft. Barry 3, Merkle, Smith, Kafer; Presidio 8, Giovonetti 2, Ameidi 2, Edwards, Brensel 2, Wainwright. Errors — Murphy, Edwards, Ameidi, Kafer. Left on bases —Ft. Barry 7, Presidio 5. Two-base hits — Payne, Giovonetti, Edwards, Smith. Bases on balls—off Mangone 4, off Webber 4, Wright 2. Struck out by Mangone 3, by Webber 3. Double plays—Edwards to Ameidi to Giovonetti. Winning pitcher—Mangone. Losing pitcher—Webber.

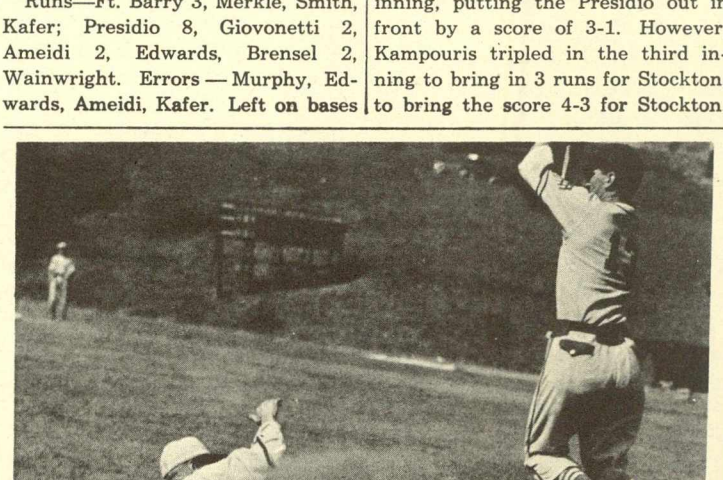
In the final game, the Stockton Air Field team trounced the Presidio All-Stars by a score of 7-3, to win the championship.

Edwards, Caudle, and Rist made the scores for Presidio in the second inning, putting the Presidio out in front by a score of 3-1. However, Kampouris tripled in the third inning to bring in 3 runs for Stockton, to bring the score 4-3 for Stockton.



WHAT IT TAKES

To hit a foul. Our own Al Giovanette giving his all for a pop-up to the backstop.



MURPHY SLIDES IN

And makes the base under a high throw.

Stockton breezed through after the third inning, scoring 3 more times in the fourth inning to win the ball game. Kampouris' batting average for the series was .400.

Presidio threatened in the ninth inning when Ameidi and Mangone singled.

Edwards grounded out and Brensel, pinch hitting for Rist, walked. Caudle, with a chance to win his own ball game, batted into a double play and ended the ball game.

FOURTH GAME

Presidio All Stars	AB	H	PO	A
Murphy, 2b	1	1	3	2
Wainwright, cf	4	0	4	0
Giovonetti, 3b	4	1	1	3
Payne, c	3	0	2	2
Ameidi, ss	4	1	2	1
Mangone, rf	4	2	2	1
Edwards, 1b	4	1	8	0
Rist, lf	3	0	0	0
Caudle, p	4	2	2	1
Bensel	0	0	0	0
Total	31	7	24	11

Stockton

Perry, cf	3	0	3	0
Stassi, lf	3	2	0	0
Kampouris, 2b	4	2	2	4
Quick, ss	4	2	1	4
Brasse, 1b	3	1	12	0
Androvich, 3b	4	1	3	1
Lombardi, rf	3	0	0	0
McNabb, c	4	0	5	4
Bailey, p	3	0	1	1
Total	31	8	27	14

Score by innings:

Presidio	030 000 000—3
Stockton	013 300 00x—7

Runs—Pressidio 3, Edwards, Rist, Caudle; Stockkton 7, Bailey 2, McNabb, Androvvich, Quick, Kampouris, Stassi. Errorrs—Ameidi, Giovonetti, Wainwright, Kampouris, McNabb. Left on basees—Presidio 5, Stockton 5. Three-basse hit—Kampouris. Two-base hits—Caudle, Kampouris, Quick. Base s on balls—off Caudle 2, off Bailey 44. Struck out by Caudle 2, by Baileyy 5. Double plays—Mangone to EEdwards, Kampouris to Quick to Brrasse.

While thee Central Security District championshhip was being decided at the Presididio, Camp Cooke defeated Camp Bealele in two games of a three game seriesies held at Harrison Park, San Franciscisco, and will now travel to the Santanta Barbara finals to represent the Ae Army Service Forces. The teams splitlit a double bill on 8 September, bubut Camp Cooke came back to take th the final game 8-4 on 9 Septemberer.

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Maj. Gen. Shedd Is New Commander of 9th Serv. Command

Major General William E. Shedd assumed command last week of the Ninth Service Command, with headquarters at Fort Douglas, Utah. The new commanding general, a West Pointer, succeeds Major General David C. McCoach, Jr., who has received an overseas assignment. Gen. Shedd comes from the Department of the Antilles, where he had been commanding general since December of last year.

A native of Danville, Ill., General Shedd was graduated from the United States military academy at West Point in 1907; the Coast Artillery school, advance course, in 1926; the Command and General Staff school in 1927, and the Army War College in 1928.

During the first World War, he was instructor and later director of the Heavy Artillery school at Mailly, France, from October, 1917, to February, 1918. He then served as assistant in the office of the Chief of Artillery, American Expeditionary Forces, and later chief of the Heavy Artillery section in that office until January, 1919, when he returned to the United States.

In connection with his service in France he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the citation that "he rendered services of inestimable value in connection with the organization, equipment and training of the heavy artillery troops in France."

Following the war he served successfully in the office of the Chief of Coast Artillery, Washington, D. C.; commander of the 12th and 61st Coast Artillery regiments, Fort

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Major General WILLIAM E. SHEDD
Commanding General, 9th Service Command

GEN. HILLMAN IS GUEST SPEAKER AT MICHIGAN MEDICAL MEETING

On Tuesday of next week the Commanding General will leave for Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he will address the Post Graduate Conference on War Medicine under the auspices of the Michigan State Medical Society.

General Hillman has titled his talk "Observations on Tropical Diseases in the United States Army" and he will speak at the session to be held on Wednesday, 27 September. At the completion of his address the general will participate in conference discussions of questions pertaining to tropical medicine.

The General will return to San Francisco on Thursday.

Credit

The photograph of Abbot and Costello entertaining our patients which appeared on the front page of the FOGHORN last week was used through the courtesy of the San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

Gen. & Mrs. Hillman Honored at Party At Officers' Club

The Officers Club at Letterman was the scene of a memorable reception on Saturday evening at which the honored guests of the occasion were Brigadier General and Mrs. Charles C. Hillman and their two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd H. Gomes and Miss Mary Louise Hillman. General Hillman has recently assumed command of Letterman General Hospital and this was the first formal meeting with the members of the club.

The honorees formed a receiving line and the officers and the members of their families were presented to the general and his family by Major Frank R. Day, the post adjutant, and nearly three hundred came to pay their respects to the honored guests of the evening.

Among those who received special invitations for the reception were Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Wallace DeWitt, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Frank W. Weed, former commanding generals at Letterman, and Mrs. Raymond O. Dart, wife of Colonel Dart, formerly on the Letterman staff and at present in the southwest Pacific.

The members of the committee on arrangements were Colonel and Mrs. Lester C. Ogg, Colonel and Mrs. William D. Herbert, Colonel and Mrs. Brown S. McClintic, Colonel and Mrs. Humphrey N. Ervin, Colonel and Mrs. Ross Paull, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Russell H. Patterson, and Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Charles E. Cocks.

Refreshments were served and music for the dance was furnished by the Letterman band under the direction of Corporal Hugh C. Ashley.

FIGHTING DOUGHBOYS LOUD IN THEIR PRAISE OF MEDICS

On Christmas Eve, 1943, Sgt. Robert Simmons, Ripon, Wis., Infantryman, was thinking of home. His thoughts strayed for a moment from his surroundings in the New Guinea jungle to a quiet, snow-shrouded house in far-off Wisconsin. He remembered Christmas Eves he had experienced as a youngster—the thrill of anticipation, the excited waiting for the dawn of the best of holidays.



Sgt. ROBERT SIMMONS
Infantryman

But on this particular Christmas Eve Bob Simmons had little time for reflection. He had volunteered for a hazardous mission. The chances were better than even that he would not live to see the dawn of another Christmas Day.

Sgt. Simmons was a member of an Infantry battalion intelligence section. One company had been cut off, during a crucial phase of the Buna campaign, by a Japanese force armed with machine guns and rifles, holding a commanding position near Girope Point.

The Wisconsin doughboy and two companions, Lieut. Robert McCampbell, the battalion intelligence officer, and Pfc. Fred Knaggs of Cotulla, Tex., volunteered to attempt to knock out the Jap force. They well knew the odds against them. But it was a job that had to be done.

And the job was done. For his part in it, Sgt. Simmons received the Silver Star for gallantry in action. He has just returned to the United States after 30 months in the South Pacific. In an interview at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, where he underwent treatment for a knee injury—not a combat wound—Sgt. Simmons described that Christmas Eve mission.

"The company that was cut off," he said, "was being cut up badly by the Japs. The Nips were in such a position that the only way we could get to them was to sneak up on them. The Japs were so well dug in that small arms fire would be useless against them, and the only way to do the job was with grenades. Lieut. McCampbell figured we could silence that Jap position with a dozen grenades, if we made every one count."

Permitting himself the luxury of another fleeting memory of Christmas at home, Sgt. Simmons joined the lieutenant and Pfc. Knaggs on the grim journey toward the Japs. It was a slow, careful advance through high grass—"Kunin" grass—over a distance of not much more than 100 yards. But with the danger of detection always present, the approach had to be made a few feet at a time.

It was nearly midnight when the officer and the two enlisted men started, each carrying four grenades and no other weapon. It took them nearly an hour to reach the point from which they were to launch their grenade attack. In the inky darkness of the tropical Christmas Eve visibility was extremely poor. Yet the men had to be certain that they had found their target. Moreover, their point of attack must be within a few yards of the Japs.

"We crawled to a place where we could just make out the dim outlines of the Japs," Sgt. Simmons said. "By that time, I was covered with sweat, and I remember thinking what a contrast it was to freezing Christmas weather back in Wisconsin. We got our grenades ready, placing them in front of us, where we could throw them one after another. The lieutenant gave the signal. We chucked the grenades, all 12 of them, and sure enough, the gamble worked. Hell let loose, that Christmas Eve, the little hell we'd manufactured o u r s e l v e s, enough of it, anyway, to put that Jap stronghold out of commission."

Sgt. Simmons, whose knee ailment, a recurrence of a pre-Army injury, put him out of action after 60 strenuous days in combat, believed, he said, that to the Infantrymen on New Guinea the toughest job was the reduction of Japanese pillboxes, which the enemy had built in amazing numbers.

"The Japs had those small time fortresses everywhere," he said, "and they really were hard to take. They'd be built deep into the ground, of coconut logs and sandbags, and they were thoroughly camouflaged and bristled with machine guns. The only way we could get the Japs out was with closeup attacks with flame throwers and grenades. Rilfe fire was just useless against the pillboxes."

The doughboys in his outfit in the 32nd Infantry Division quickly developed into superb jungle fighters, Sgt. Simmons said.

"It was uncanny," he declared, "the way some of those kids in the rifle companies would catch on to the technique of c o m b a t in the jungle. The Japs are supposed to be good at making themselves invisible and at the 'art of ambush,' but our boys soon were acting as though they'd lived all their lives in the swamps and jungles.

"The hardships, of course, are almost unbelievable. I know, because there was scarcely a moment during the 60 days I was in action when I wasn't wet and being tortured by insects and operating in areas where you had to find your way through dense growth where there weren't even trails."

Sgt. Simmons described assaults against ridge positions where the Japanese used antiaircraft guns against the American Infantry; bitter "mopping-up" actions in which the Japanese fought literally to the last man; night raids made by shrieking, lunging, grenade-hurling, bayonet-jabbing Japs who "acted as though they were drunk, or insane, or both."

The sergeant went into federal service with a Wisconsin National Guard unit and received his Infantry training at Camp Beauregard and Camp Livingston, La.

He is the son of Mrs. Nelle Simmons of 615 Watson St., Ripon. He knows, he said, that on last Christmas Eve in Wisconsin, his mother was praying for him. On Christmas Eve, 1944, he hopes, he will be at home.

Folks back in Waco, Texas, read on July 7 that Jap resistance had ceased on Saipan except for a last stand in a small area on the northernmost tip of the island.

"That was the day I remember best out of the 23 days I spent in the lines on Saipan," said Pvt. James B. Lockett, of Waco, back in this country after more than four and a half years of service with the Infantry in the Pacific. He went to



Pvt. JAMES B. LOCKETT
Doughboy

Hawaii for training soon after he enlisted in December, 1939, and his regiment went into Saipan the day after D-Day with the 27th Infantry Division.

"They pulled their big counter-attack that day—the 'banzai' charge they make when they know it's all up—and that was the day a rifle bullet got me here in the right forearm. We had all the island but a little piece about 600 by 300 yards at the north tip. But the Japs had my outfit surrounded on a little hill, and during the night they had pulled in and built up their lines within about 40 yards of us.

"When they started their big charge, they drove a bunch of civilians out in front of them, then the troops folowed them out in columns, spreading out in all directions and waving sabers and bayonets and firing small arms. They had two tanks, too, but it didn't take long for our bazookas to knock them out. I was a bazooka man part of the time, but I was using an M-1 rifle at that time. We were dropping Japs like flies, and when we halted that counter-

OUR CORPSMEN FACE DEATH TO BRING THEM BACK ALIVE

attack they said Japs were stacked three high in some places.

"I was hit while the attack was going on. With 15 others, who were wounded but could walk, we made our way around the side of the hill as best we could to where our medics could give us treatment. It was about 300 yards and Japs were firing at us all the way, but all 16 of us made it. I was hit about 7:30 in the morning, and at 1 p.m. I was in bed in the evacuation hospital."

Interviewed at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Pvt. Lockett was looking forward to being moved in a few days to a hospital near his home. He planned a visit soon with his father, James E. Lockett, of 2219 Reuter Ave., Waco.

As long as he lives, Pvt. Harold D. Ballard, 21-year-old Infantryman from Corinth, Miss., will be grateful to a man whose name he doesn't know. That man saved his life. Un-



Pvt. HAROLD D. BALLARD
Doughboy

der incessant Japanese machinegun and sniper fire, on a journey that required eight peril-filled hours, he carried the Mississippi soldier to safety after Pvt. Ballard was wounded on a jungle trail above Aitape, New Guinea.

The sturdy, red-cheeked young doughboy, who looks more like a college football hero than a seasoned veteran of bitter combat in the steaming swamps and mountain wildernesses of the Pacific, described his rescue in an interview at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, upon his return to the United States.

Pvt. Ballard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wordie Ballard of R.F.D. 4, Corinth, was a member of an ammunition and pioneer platoon in the 32nd Infantry Division, one of the divisions whose combat record against the Japanese assures it of its place in history.

"I was carrying ammunition up this trail," Pvt. Ballard said. "Ahead of me, our assault companies were battling the Japs for a ridge. The trail was hardly worthy of being called that, for it was narrow and steep and there was scarcely a place where a man could get a footing. In the dense growth on the heights that overlooked the trail Jap snipers were thick, and the Nips were pouring mortar fire on it, too.

"But it wasn't a sniper or a mortar shell that got me. It was a booby trap—a concealed mine. I put my foot down on what looked like a moss-covered rock and set off the mine. The whole hillside seemed to open up with a roar. My legs buckled under me and I went down.

"I had a broken leg and a lot of steel in various parts of my body, and I was in a tough spot, because the explosion had tipped the Japs off to the fact that something had happened, and they'd have been on me in a minute if I'd have had to stay there.

"But I shouldn't have worried. I should have known that somehow a medic would get to me. Word was passed along up the trail to our company medical aid man, a big, grinning fellow who was part Indian and whom we called 'Chief.' I never knew any other name for him.

" 'Chief' appeared out of nowhere. He was grinning, as usual, and the sight of him surely made me feel better. He leaned down close to me and said, 'Don't worry, Bud. You'll be all right.' He gave me first aid and a little morphine to ease my pain. Then he lifted me and slung me across his shoulders."

Pvt. Ballard told how the descent down the twisting trail began under a sudden hail of machinegun fire from a hidden Japanese position. He told how the sure-footed "Chief," alternately swearing at the Japs and reassuring the wounded man, made his way from one bit of meager cover to another, and how, as the hours mounted, the Infantry medic seemed to become stronger.

"Every once in a while," Pvt. Ballard said, "he'd put me down and give me a drink of water. I weighed around 180 pounds and it was no joke toting a fellow that big down that slippery, curving trail, and I asked the Chief whether he wasn't tired, and he'd just answer, 'Don't worry, kid. We'll make it.'

"It started to rain and that made the going slipperier than ever. But the Chief, just as he said he would, got me back to the aid station. It was four miles from the place where I set off the mine, and it took us eight hours to make it—but we made it, and if it hadn't been for him I'd probably have been a dead duck up there on that lonely jungle trail."

Besides the Purple Heart, Pvt. Ballard wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, earned by exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. He was in action six months, in the front lines most of the time, from Saidor to Aitape.

Hit by a Japanese bullet fired from a range of less than 50 yards, Pvt. Robert Hoover, 26-year-old Infantryman from Johnstown, Pa., was spun around on a jungle trail near Aitape, New Guinea, and toppled into a fast-flowing stream.

He was stunned by the impact of the .25-caliber missile. He saved himself from drowning when, as he regained consciousness, he grasped the stream bank, groped for a hold and clung there until his head had cleared.

A moment later, Pvt. Hoover had pulled himself halfway up the bank, had recovered his M-1 rifle, and, lying prone, fired his weapon into the hornet's nest of Japanese who had ambushed his rifle squad as the doughboys, pressing an attack, prepared to cross the stream.

Ten of the twelve Infantrymen in the squad were wounded in that desperate fire fight. But they drove the Japanese away. And that, Pvt. Hoover said in an interview at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, was typical of the operations in which he took part while fighting as a rifleman with the 32nd Infantry Division.

"Twenty minutes after I had crawled from the stream," he said, "that fight was over. Not until then did I realize that I was badly hit in the back and shoulder. We still were in a dangerous spot, because the Japs were everywhere in the jungle. Two medical aid men came up to treat the wounded in my squad. They got me back to the beach, three miles away.

"We were under fire most of the way. If you've read about Jap snipers hiding in trees and bushes waiting for a chance to open fire on litter parties, I can give you my word that you've read the truth. There were times on the trip back to the beach when I didn't think much of our chances for making it.

"But the GI doughboys down there have learned to be just as jungle wise as the Japs, and the riflemen just behind the stretcher bearers kept peppering away at the Jap snipers to sort of clear a path for us."

Pvt. Hoover had a significant observation to make about the manner in which the morale of American Infantry units is maintained at a high pitch despite the fanatical op-



Pvt. ROBERT HOOVER
Infantryman

position of the Japanese and the innumerable difficulties of climate and terrain they encounter in their peculiarly arduous warfare.

"It seems," he said, "that in every unit, no matter how small, there's always one old war horse who inspires the rest of the boys and just holds them together, no matter how tough the going is. There was a fellow with me, a real campaigner, a Browning automatic rifleman. The only name I knew for him was Hank.

"Nothing scared Hank. He never

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The Salute

Men of arms have used some form of the military salute as an exchange of greeting since the earliest times. Its origin is shrouded in the mysteries of the past.

We know that in the days of old the knights were mounted and wore steel armor. When two friendly knights met it was the custom to raise the visor and expose the face to view. This was done with the right hand, as the left was used to hold the reins. It was a symbol of friendship, exposing the features and removed the hight hand—the sword hand—from proximity of weapons.

Also, in ancient times, the freemen of Europe were allowed to bear arms. When two freemen met, each would raise his right hand to show he held no weapons, and the meeting was friendly.

The military salute is today, as it has always been, the traditional symbol of recognition between men of an honorable profession. Army regulations have kept alive that custom and prescribe the form in which it is to be rendered.

The recent renascence hereabouts of the traditional salute may have been inspired by impetus from the top, but it certainly is inspiring to those who have observed its return to current usage.

Another old Army custom coming back.



First Lieutenant **Dorothy Bohling Conner,** another 'old timer,' left Letterman last week to carry on her work at Dante—the Letterman Annex. Lieut. Conner came to Letterman in December of 1941 as a second lieutenant and in April of this year got her promotion to 1st lieutenant.

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Also gone to the Annex is First Lieutenant **Geraldine C. Haglund** who came to Letterman in May of this year. At her new station she will establish and be in charge of the operations of the central service section there.

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"———And don't forget to vote!" admonished 1st Lieut. **Lillian C. Girarde** when she dropped in for a brief visit last week and then dashed right out again to get back to 'the 1960th.'

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1st Lieut. **Blanche V. Snyder** left this week to spend a 10 day leave with her family.

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Since the Officers Club of the Presidio has extended its invitation to the members of the nursing staff, it is hoped there will be more enthusiasm shown in the future and all privileges of the club to be enthusiastically received.

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There have been many changes about the hospital recently, and one of the newest has been the addition to the Chief Nurse Office, the replacement for Captain Mary E. Abbott who has been transferred to Dante—the Letterman Annex, First Lieutenant **Elizabeth E. Foster.**

Lieut. Foster whose home is in New York received her training at the St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn. She followed her nursing career—specializing in surgery and then in November of 1941 joined the corps. Her first assignment was at Fort Ontario where she remained just a few months before changing station and coming to Letterman in January of 1942.

Here, her work has been outstanding and it was justly rewarded in April of this year when she received her promotion to 1st lieutenant and became the chief nurse on ward D-1. Lieut. Foster now adds the title of Assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse after her signature.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Colonel **Harvey F. Hendrickson** planing off to Charleston, S. C., to observe evacuation and receiving processes at Starke General Hospital.

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Lieut. **Elizabeth E. Reese** starting her ten-day leave of absence by turning over her pet kitten—Jezabel—to the care of Mrs. Lois Moran Young, of the Red Cross Blood Donor Center.

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Miss **Kathleen Tracy,** of the Sergeant Major's staff, making her debut as a chanteuse at the General's reception on Saturday evening.

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Mrs. **Donna Cannon** marking the fourth anniversary of her wedding while he is in far-off Corsica.

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Lieut. **Marguerite Krause** entertaining informally at breakfast on Sunday morning. So unexpected.

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A letter from Lieut. **Regina Burnett,** "over there," who sends words of greeting to the gang still over here.

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Captain **Leslie N. Hildebrand** digging out heroic exploits of the men of the Army Ground Force — that branch of the army which concentrated on fighting.

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Staff Sgt. **Chauncey Young** in his new repair room all to himself and fixing radio sets at a rapid pace.

Officer's Dance

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to a dance to take place in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Blvd. and Lake Street, on Saturday night, September 30th, at nine p.m., San Francisco.

Junior hostesses will welcome you.

Band Concert

The 253rd Army Band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Lynn Decker, presented a program of excellent music in the patio on Tuesday afternoon. Arrangements are being made for additional concerts in the open air as a regular feature of the entertainment schedule.

Mr. Decker and the men of his band have always been very generous toward the Letterman patients and their concerts have been a source of real pleasure to the sick and wounded.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, September 24, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Mass at 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
Daily—Mass, 1700
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Sympathy

The sympathy of the command is extended to Sergeant Edward R. Arnaiz on the death of his wife which occurred in San Francisco on Friday of last week.

Sympathy is also extended to Captain and Mrs. Lester B. Vanderbergh on the death of their daughter, Janice Gay, which occurred at Salinas last week.

Chapel Schedule

While repairs are in progress at the Catholic (Old Post) Chapel at the Presidio the congregation will worship in the Letterman Chapel. Masses will be celebrated at 0600, 0800, 0900 and 1100 on Sundays and at 1700 on week-days. Chaplain Edward J. Haskins, Catholic Chaplain at the Presidio, will officiate at the last two Sunday Masses.

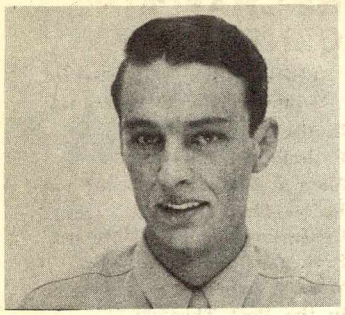
It is expected that repair to the Presidio Catholic Chapel will be completed within three weeks.

Wedding Bells

At a quiet ceremony in the Letterman Chapel on Wednesday evening, and attended by the family of the bride and a small group of friends, Miss Mildred Sondhaus and Sergeant Leonard E. Canavan, of the Letterman Medical Detachment, were united in Holy Matrimony with Chaplain Edward J. Haskins as the officiating clergyman.

Following the ceremony the newly wedded couple left for a brief honeymoon after which the groom will proceed to OCS at Camp Barkeley, Texas.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



Private SAM L. BROOKS
Medical Detach

Something new has been added to the Medical Detachment and so we introduce modest Private Sam L. Brooks, veteran of Guadalcanal, Munda and Vella La Vella as 'buck' of this week.

Born in Vancouver, Washington —Pvt. Brooks' family moved to Stockton, California while he was still a 'tot' where he attended school and the home was established. After graduation from school he joined the national guard and in the latter part of 1940, he was inducted into the army. In the early part of '41 he was sent to San Luis Obispo where he remained for just three weeks before departure for overseas. Honolulu was first stop until war was declared and he was with the first medics to go into the combat areas of Guadalcanal. After that came Munda and then Sam was hit. He had received some shrapnel wounds and then contracted malaria.

Tales of humor brought back from the fronts and related by the private includes an incident when he and another medic were carrying a wounded soldier back to the Aid station, who was in severe pain, if one were to judge by his moans and groans. Enemy snipers were a definite hindrance to their progress and the height of all hair-raising events occurred when a Jap had thrown a grenade which landed beneath the litter as they were walking. They dropped the stretcher directly on top of the missile to muffle it otherwise all three might have been killed. However the soldier jumped from the stretcher and ran ¾ mile back to the station with all his agony and pains.

Another story chuckled over was when he asked an officer to carry the litter when he had become a little fatigued after carrying it eight miles. "We were mighty embarrassed" says Sam, "when we reached our destination and discovered he was a Major General."

Kin of Servicemen Get Full Benefits of Social Security

By Camp Newspaper Service

Widespread among GIs in the services is the impression that servicemen lost their rights to social security benefits the day they entered the service. Nothing, says the Social Security Board, could be further from the truth than this belief.

As a matter of fact, under the law the survivors of servicemen are entitled to certain specific benefits if the soldier worked in covered employment before he entered the armed forces and died "currently" insured. In other words, his family is entitled to payments if he was employed in a job covered by the social security program for at least half of the last three years of his life before he entered the service.

The families of servicemen are also entitled to various other benefits if the serviceman died "fully" insured, if he had been employed in private industry or business for at least half the period between Jan. 1, 1937—when the social security program began—and the time of his death, or half the period since he became 21, if that was a later date.

Monthly benefits are payable to the following survivors of persons who were "fully" insured under the Social Security Act:

1. Children receive monthly payments until they are 16, or until they're 18 if they are still in school.

2. A widow with children under her care, provided she does not remarry, receives monthly payments until her youngest child is 18. The payments stop then, but begin again when the widow is 65 and continue until her death.

3. A widow without children under her care receives monthly payments when she reaches the age of 65 provided that she has not remarried.

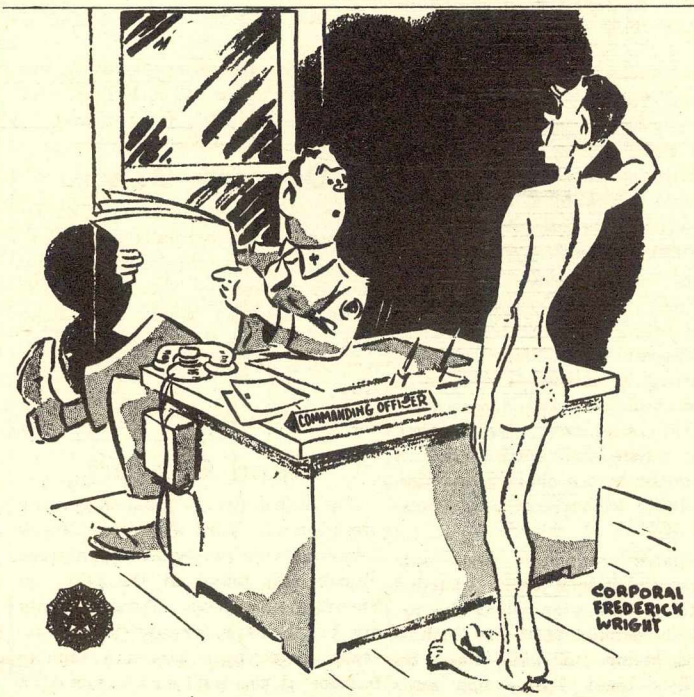
4. Dependent parents also receive payments when they reach the age of 65 provided that the deceased serviceman left neither a widow or a child under 18.

Monthly benefits are payable to the following survivors of persons who were "currently" insured:

1. Children receive monthly payments until they are 16—or 18 if still in school.

2. Widow with children under her care receives payments until the youngest child is 18.

In order that no payments may be lost, the Social Security Board has urged that claims for benefits should be filed immediately after the insured person's death. Monthly payments to survivors are retroactive, but not for more than three months prior to the month of filing. Therefore, if a claim is not filed until the fourth month after the month of the insured person's death, one month's payment is lost.



"My good conduct ribbon is missing, Sir!"
—Contest Cartoon by Cpl. Fred Wright, Air Base Unit, Miami Beach, Fla.

ON THE SPOT



VERNON R. COOK
Sergeant, A.A.F.

When Sergeant Vernon R. Cook, A.A.F., was selected as feature of this column—it was not discovered until he was interviewed—that he has been 'on the spot' for some time since he has been hospitalized at a number of hospitals from New Zealand to the South Sea Islands.

A native of the state of Kansas, the sergeant is exceedingly anxious to return to Wichita—the town where all his friends are and where he received all of his education prior to entrance into an aircraft trade school in Glendale, California. After completion of the prescribed course, he went to work at a plant in Wichita. Late in the year 1939 he joined the Army.

First came his basic training at Fort Reilly, Kansas and then followed a series of station changes—St. Louis, Missouri—Jefferson Barracks—Denver, Colorado—McDill Field—Pearson Field in Colorado—and from there overseas. The ultimate destination was New Caledonia. However the stay there was very brief and then the squadron moved into the combat area of Guadalcanal. He was assigned to duty here as an armorer and gunner aboard a bomber that brought the crew back safely from every mission. In July of 1942 Sgt. Cook was put 'on the spot' for the first time during a bombing by the enemy when shrapnel found a target in his leg. He was treated for his wound immediately and after a short period of convalescence went back to duty again. When the wound started irritating some time later, he was hospitalized and underwent an operation. He was first hospitalized in Aukland, New Zealand where he remained for 11 months before he was evacuated to the states again and Letterman.

Well on the road to recovery, Vernon looks anxiously to the day soon when he will return to that hospital nearer his home.

MEDICAL DETACH

Furloughs still being issued and the fortunates this week were: Pfc. A. D. McCurley got 29 days; 1st Sgt. Calvin D. Williams, 21 days; Tech. 4th Gr. Kenneth R. Terry and Tech. 5th Gr. Walter G. Roach with 15 days; S/Sgt. Donald F. Allison and Edward A. Arniz each with 10 days.

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A hearty welcome is extended to Tech. 3rd Gr. Samuel D. Agnello who joined the detachment again after a tour of overseas duty. Also to Pfc. Phillip Segar who came early this week.

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Farewell and adieu to Corporal Leslie M. Baukin, M/Sgt. Bruce E. Welton and Cpl. Robert L. Waters who left the command this week for other assignments.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Merle C. West throwing a vagrant kitten out the back door of the Letterman Club Saturday night and almost suffering an apoplectic fit as the gate crasher came ambling in the front door. This happened not once but thrice.

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Pfc. Ladd K. (for Kaborshnick) Kafflen sporting a new briar. The rumor is that Ladd has contracted to burn all local refuse and the odor emanating from his pipe confirms that statement.

The disagreement between Cpl. Andy Monahan's trousers and shoe tops. They just won't get together.

Pfc. Rene Iacomini lugging the big case on the post every Monday and Thursday evening. No it's not a salesman sample case, it harbors his "stomach steinway," for Rene and his accordian have joined the L.G.H. orchestra.

T/Sgt. Ernie Brensels streamlined figure since he started working out with the baseball team.

T/4th Gr. Fred Mathias back for a visit and looking mighty fit. Must be that outdoor training.

Add healthy signs: The interest shown in the current political race.

T/3rd Gr. Charles Wilcox adjusting everything and anything with nothing more than a screw driver. Must be that magic touch.

Sgt. Lou Slott showing his solicitude for his equine friends by donating to their upkeep Saturday afternoon. Truly a humane gesture.

BLONDE BRIGHTENER OF SMILES DOES A BOOMING BUSINESS



Miss LILLIAN F. JONES
Filler inner at the Dental Clinic

Two years of exploring cavities finds Miss Lillian Frances Jones still enthusiastic about her job, which is dental assistant at Letterman. Miss Jones, whose smile reveals—and she smiles frequently—a very fine set of teeth, assures us that she loves her work, and that she is never bothered after a busy day by dreams of pursuing and snapping dentures.

Lillian comes from Burlingame, California, is a native daughter, and where she had a good many years of practical experience in her work. Letterman is indebted to the navy for her presence with us. She had been working for the same dentist for several years in Burlingame, and confesses that she would not have thought of leaving him, but Uncle Sam and the Navy took him away. So Miss Jones thought it was time for her to have a change. One of her patients was the daughter of a retired general, and was well acquainted with Letterman. She suggested the possibility of working at the hospital to Miss Jones, who took up the idea with enthusiasm, and has never regretted it. The variety of work done here, she tells us, is an invaluable experience. A very surprising thing, to us at least, who tremble at the very thought of a dental chair, is that many of the returning veterans at the hospital come voluntarily to have a check-up on their teeth as soon as they arrive. There is no denying that our men are brave.

Miss Jones has one brother, and five sisters, one of whom is her twin. We can't think of anyone nicer for duplication. Our tall blonde and very attractive dental assistant is as athletic as her nice and tan appearance would lead one to believe. She likes tennis, badminton and swimming, but her real joy is riding, at which she is an expert. She has ridden in many of the horse shows around the Bay Area.

With all due credit to the Smiths, and the Whites, and the Browns, we insist that they will have to work hard to turn out a better product than the Jonses have managed with Lillian.



Q. Let's have the lowdown on this prisoner-of-war business. Are prisoners captured by us required to work? Are they paid? And, if so, how much do they get?

A. Well, to begin with, prisoners of war captured by us are handled strictly in accordance with the Geneva Convention. Under this agreement, all prisoners may be required to work at any project not directly connected with military operations. Prisoners working for the Federal government are paid at the rate of not less than 80 cents a day and prisoners working for a state or for a private contractor are paid at a rate to be decided upon between the employer and the prison camp commander. Enlisted men who do not work are given an allowance of ten cents a day. Officers don't have to work unless they want to.

MORE ABOUT MAJ. GEN. SHEDD

Monroe, Va.; a four-year detail with the military intelligence division of the War Department general staff, and commander of 16th Coast Artillery at Fort Ruger, T. H.

He remained in Hawaii until the summer of 1935 when he became instructor of the Coast Artillery school, Fort Monroe, Va.; member of the Coast Artillery board, and commanding general of the 2nd Coast Artillery regiment.

Subsequently he served as commanding officer of the 4th Coast Artillery district, Fort McPhearson, Ga.; assistant chief of staff for personnel, War Department general staff; commander of 8th division, Fort Jackson, S. Car., and commanding officer of the I Army corps, Columbia, S. Car.

He was named Coast Defense and Antiaircraft commander, Panama Canal Department in August, 1941, and later deputy commander of the Panama Canal department. He became commanding general of the Antilles department last December. While serving in the Panama Canal department he was awarded the Panamanion Order of Vasco Nunez De Balboa by the president of the Republic of Panama.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Are Ball Players People?

"BRIEF," one of the best servicemen's newspapers in Hawaii, where all the best major league ball players are playing these days, sends this one along about Eddie Brannick, the man behind the checkered shirt.

Brannick, front office man for the New York Giants, was sore because his team had just lost two games through poor umpiring. Sitting in his office, his bitter reveries were interrupted by the entrance of an usher.

"There's two guys outside," said the usher, "who want passes to the game. They said they were friends of the umpire."

"Throw them downstairs!" screamed Brannick. "They're imposters. No umpire ever had two friends."

Stop Me If You've Heard This Song Before

After chasing it for 13 years, Sgt. Frank Parker finally nailed the National Tennis Championship to the wall behind his bunk. Parker, who saved up his furloughs to compete in the nationals, succeeds Lt. Joe Hunt, 1943 champion, who didn't compete this year. . . . The Great Lakes Bluejackets baseball team completed its 1944 season with 48 wins in 50 starts. Lt. Mickey Cochrane's men beat ten big league teams, lost only to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Virgil Trucks, ex-Detroit fireballer, led the Lakes hurlers with ten wins, no losses. . . . Interviewed in the Caribbean, Cmdr. Gene Tunney told a GI reporter that Jack Dempsey would have stopped Joe Louis had both met in top form. "Dempsey licked anyone he could hit," Tunney said. "And Louis, for all his speed of hand, is slow on his feet. Dempsey would have nailed him for keeps." . . The Second AAF's Superbomber football team has mapped a 13 game grid card this fall. Opponents include the University of Colorado, the Iowa Seahawks, Ft. Warren and the Fourth AAF.

Hello, Out There

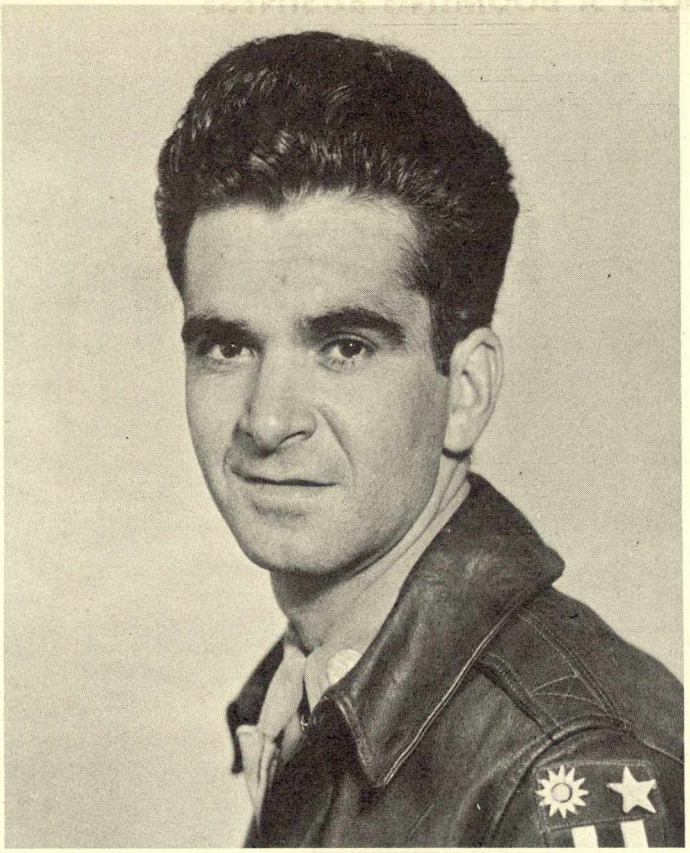
When Freddy Cocoran, the golf authority, was touring the fronts for the USO, a general mistook him for Mickey Cochrane, but that didn't faze Freddie.

"Hey, Mickey!" bellowed the general. "Who was the best pitcher you ever caught?"

"Lefty Grove," snapped Freddie, quick as a flash.

The general beamed like a basilisk. That was just the answer he wanted. Very probably it was the answer the real Mickey Cochrane would have given him, too.

JOIN THE ARMY TO SEE THE WORLD, YOU'LL SEE MORE THAN THE SEA



Sgt. JOE ECHEVARRIA
One G. I. who got around in this war

He didn't join the army to see the world, but see the world is just what Sergeant Joe Echevarria did under the egis of Uncle Sam and the Army Air Force. The sergeant, who comes from Paradise Valley, Nevada, is among the first patients at Letterman to come to this hospital from the China-Burma-India theatre, and since his induction into the army in December of 1941, he has made a tour that reads like a Jules Verne novel.

In 1942 he was sent to Casablanca, six days after the invasion, as a crew chief in the air force. He wears two stars for the African campaign, one for action in French Morrocco, and one for Tunisia. From this beginning he went to Sicily, which was already in ruins, and after four months there went on to Italy and the Anzio beachhead, where his group were kept busy on patrol duty. From Italy he was flown to Karachi, India, by way of Africa, where a training course with the new planes they picked up there awaited him and his crew. Karachi was a new and colorful experience for the men, and the restaurants and recreational facilities were a treat after the devastation of the European area. The Indian natives worked with them at the airbase there, and proved to be quick and adaptable both in learning the mechanical work and the American language.

From being a "sahib" in India, Sergeant Echevarria flew to Chengtu, China, where he was soon answering to the "Dinghow's" of the native Chinese workers. The flight to China was one that neither the sergeant nor any of the others will ever forget, for it took them over the famous "hump," Mt. Everest, the highest peak in the world. In China his work consisted mainly in the protection of airbases, servicing planes, and his group were on patrol duty. The territory they occupied had not been taken by Japs, and the natives, unused to foreigners, were very shy at first sight of the Americans. They soon made friends, and after the adoption of Chinese cooks, grew to like their strange and novel fare.

It was during his tour of duty in Chengtu that Sergeant Echevarria had an aggravation of an affliction he had had for some time, and the doctor on the post sent him back, via Calcutta and Karachi to Miami. In keeping with the policy of sending the returned veterans as near their own homes as possible, he was flown to Letterman where he is now being treated, pending his return to active duty.

MORE ABOUT CORPSMEN FACE DEATH

got tired. He never lost his sense of humor. He always steadied us, encouraged us, and more than once, when I was in a tight spot, Hank would somehow show up just when I needed him and put the fire power of that BAR of his to work killing Japs.

"He was in his glory at Aitape, which became one big graveyard for the Japs. When the rest of us would be worn out, shivering, and maybe on the verge of blowing our tops, Hank would be on hand to point out targets, to cheer us up, and to keep telling us we could beat off every Jap counterattack—and we did.

"Hank preached a gospel that all of us followed—and that was to carry every weapon you could stand up under, on the chance that you were liable to need all or any of them at any time. He carried a BAR, a Tommy gun, a bayonet, a trench knife, a pistol, and he had grenades strung all over him. I've seen him hurl a grenade at one Jap and almost simultaneously go after another with the trench knife.

"And I want to make it clear that we didn't think of Hank as a hero, or anything like that. He was just like any GI, and all the boys down there are brave and tough. He didn't consciously try to set an example for us, but he was just one of those natural leaders of which there seem to be so many in the Infantry. The Japs don't have many guys like Hank, but we have a lot of them. That's why we're winning."

Pvt. Hoover, who is the son of Mrs. Marie Hoover of 99 Clinton St., Johnstown, wears the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

Aid Flown to Flier Downed in Romania

Italy (CNS) — Penicillin was flown into Romania from Italy to save the life of an American flier who has been hospitalized there since his Liberator bomber went down during an August raid on Ploesti.

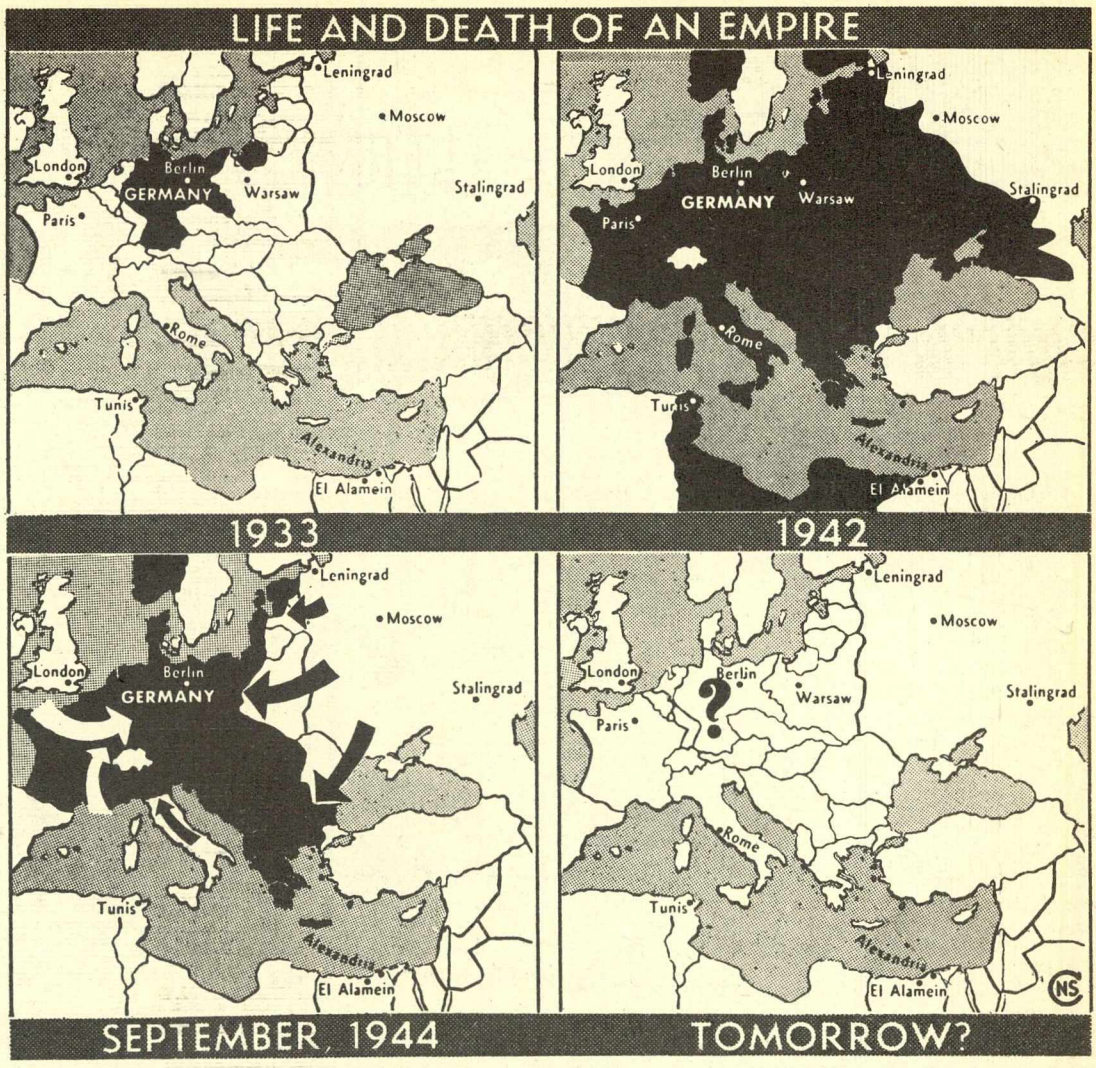
The victim, Sgt. Peter Tierney, of Rochester, N. Y., was blown from his plane but managed to get his parachute open. He received fractured hips and multiple injuries of the arms and legs. Romanians carried him to a small hospital where his life was saved by the administration of penicillin.

243,848 Prisoners Held in U. S. Camps

Washington (CNS)—On September 1 there were 243,848 prisoners of war held within the continental limits of the U. S., including 192,846 Germans, 50,272 Italians and 730 Japs, the War Department has announced.

Camp Upton Closes

Camp Upton, N. Y. (CNS)—Camp Upton, famed as a training center in the last war and as an induction center in this one, has closed its doors and its activities have been moved to Ft. Dix, N. J. The famous camp had sent more than half a million men to war during the past 44 months.



DON'T WASTE HOT WATER!



Give the next man a break

SAVE

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

For week of Sept. 25 to Oct. 2

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
Presidio Follies	1830	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	1400	Wards
Bingo Game, prizes	1400	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—		
THURSDAY—		
Musical Quiz	1400	Rec. Hall
Detachment Dance	2000	Letterman Club
FRIDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	1400	Wards
Seaside Party	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—		
"Make A Record"—Make candy	1400	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—		
"Treble Clef" singing group from the University of California	1400	Rec. Hall

Captured Nazi Offers To Join U. S. Army

France (CNS)—A 50-year-old German private surrendered to a group of GIs here and then offered to enlist in the American Army.

"I told these bums that when America came into the war they'd get hell kicked out of them," he shouted, waving a mean finger at his fellow prisoners.

His offer of enlistment was declined.

GI's House Burns Down, 32 Pals Build New One

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—When Sgt. C. M. Roberts comes marching home from the wars, he will have a brand new house to move into. Thirty-two men, who used to work with Roberts, recently built his wife a new house, after her old one had been destroyed by fire.

Wac Heads Non-Coms Club

Las Vegas AAF, Nev. (CNS)—Old soldiers started mumbling into their long white beards here the other day when Sgt. Helene Murray, a Wac, was elected president of the Non-Com club.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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San Francisco War Chest Campaign to Start on Monday

The 1944 campaign for the San Francisco War Chest will open on Monday, October 2, and continue for a month.

The campaign objective is set by the Board of Directors of the San Francisco War Chest, which includes representatives of business, professional groups, churches, labor and education, elected at a public annual meeting.

This years goal of $3,792,742 combines San Francisco's share of the National War Fund campaign and San Francisco's obligation to the Community Chest for local service.

San Francisco's quota for National War Fund agencies is set on the basis of population and financial ability.

San Francisco's quota for community services is decided in cooperation with the Board of the Community Chest.

The amount of money asked of the people of San Francisco for local welfare services is what a number of well informed and able citizens—after careful study—say the community actually needs.

Welfare-minded citizens, working in budget study committees for each of the four groups of Community Chest agencies—health, family welfare, child welfare and youth guidance—examine in detail the needs and operating expenses of each agency in relation to the community needs and resources in that field. Other citizens interested in community welfare serve on the overall Budget Committee. They pool the findings of the study committees and work out a budget of minimum needs for the consideration of the Board.

The Community Chest's share of War Chest funds is used for local

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COLONEL ALLISON GETS NEW STATION



Colonel BYRON J. PETERS, M. C.
Personnel Assignment Officer, Office of the Service Command Surgeon, Ninth Service Command, who has been an official visitor at Letterman this week.

Lieutenant Colonel Ray L. Allison, Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat section for the past two years, has been relieved at Letterman and assigned to the station hospital at Camp McQuaide, California, where he will be the commanding officer.

Colonel Allison came to Letterman in January 1941 and was assistant to Col. Streit until the latter went overseas in command of a general hospital in 1942.

The colonel was originally commissioned in the Medical Corps Reserve in 1931 and ordered to immediate active duty with the CCC for two years. He was again ordered to active duty in January 1941 with station at Letterman. He is a member of the American Board of Opthalmology. In addition to his high professional qualifications his reputation as a raconteur is sans pareil in this command and the informal meetings in the staff room will lack lustre in the future.

NSC Establishes 11 Special Centers at General Hospitals

Furthering the program for speedy and utmost medical treatment for Army personnel, eleven general hospitals in the Ninth Service Command have been named centers for specialized medical and surgical treatment.

All patients needing specialized treatment will be transferred to these designated hospitals, where staffs of medical and surgical specialists have been provided for specific types of cases.

At Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, patients with major amputations are given complete reconstructive treatment, including the fitting of artificial limbs and training in their use.

A staff of plastic surgery specialists has been established at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., where patients with deformities or other conditions resulting from wounds, burns or other injuries will receive surgical reconstruction. Also at Dibble is the center for eye surgery and the training and rehabilitation of the blind.

Neurosurgery—the delicate surgical treatment of wounds or diseases of the brain, skull, spinal cord, or peripheral nerves and neurology, which is the medical treatment of functional nerve disorders, are centered in the following general hospitals: Bushnell DeWitt, Auburn, Calif.; Hammond, Modesto, Calif., and McCaw, Walla Walla, Wash.

All patients with defective hearing are treated at Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Patients with disease or injuries of the chest which require thoracic surgery or specialized care will be transferred to Baxter General Hospital at Spokane.

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1944 SAN FRANCISCO WAR CHEST CAMPAIGN TO START MONDAY

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health and welfare services which supplement and are coordinated with activities of tax-supported agencies.

The commanding General has designated Captain Andrew R. Edwards, Jr., as the director of the campaign among the personnel at Letterman, and in writing to the War Chest committee has expressed the hope that we will raise the sum of two thousand dollars for the worthy causes represented by the War Chest.

It is believed that if every officer, enlisted man, and civilian employee of the command will donate one half of a day's pay our quota will be reached without effort.

WHAT IS THE SAN FRANCISCO WAR CHEST?

Like 10,000 other cities, San Francisco has formed a War Chest. By authority of the Board of Supervisors, all war relief and local health and welfare funds appeals are combined in this single annual drive for necessary funds.

Only the American Red Cross is omitted. It is a quasi-governmental agency and its annual fund-raising campaign is carried on under Presidential proclamation.

The $3,792,742 to be raised in the 1944 San Francisco War Chest Drive is allocated to services on the War Front and the Home Front.

Twenty-two relief organizations serving our own fighting forces, war victims in our allied nations, and prisoners of war are included. San Francisco has agreed to raise its fair quota of the national goal set by National War Fund.

Seventy-three San Francisco community agencies for child welfare, family service, health service, and youth guidance and recreation are included. Each has been carefully investigated by the Budget committee and found to be serving urgent needs efficiently.

WHY IS THERE A SAN FRANCISCO WAR CHEST?

Because one drive for all saves manpower, expense and time. The need for the War Chest is greater than before. As the pace of the war intensifies, the morale problem of our armed forces grows. With each battle the number of prisoners of war increases. Every convoy that sails adds to the merchant seamen exhausted or injured. As the war rages and new territory is freed the distress of people in occupied and unoccupied countries mounts.

Here at home wartime living conditions, which will become worse as war emphasis is shifted more and more toward the Pacific theatre, cause serious rise in juvenile delinquency. There is vastly increased need for facilities to care for the children of working mothers. The need for temporary assistance by war industry families affected by cut backs grows. There is danger of spread of contagious diseases. In spite of greater employment and higher wages, the number of dependent children, of chronically ill, handicapped and aged does not decrease. Higher prices and the difficulties of securing help increase operating costs of the agencies.

WHO RUNS THE SAN FRANCISCO WAR CHEST?

You . . . and interested, public-spirited citizens of San Francisco who serve without pay. The National War Fund is directed by a group of prominent Americans of humanitarian character, who liberally contribute their time and efforts to nation-wide organization and correlation of the conduct of the nation-wide portion of the drive without remuneration. The San Francisco community interests of the War Chest, and the local conduct of the War Chest Campaign, are directed by well-known San Franciscans who represent business, labor, industry, church and the professions. All are volunteers serving without pay. For efficient year-round direction and administration of the War Chest funds there is a small permanent organization consisting of a campaign manager and office-force. The cost of maintaining this organization is estimated in the current campaign at 4 per cent.

HOW MUCH AM I SUPPOSED TO GIVE?

Your gift to the War Chest is an entirely voluntary one. It should be as much as you can afford, plus a little more because you can't afford not to give enough.

Many people, who clearly see the greater need, are doubling their last year's gifts. Labor organizations and other groups have set a minimum of "one day's pay" as a measurement of "Thoughtful Giving."

At any rate, give as generously as you can!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1944

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Once again the citizenship is to be approached with a request for contributions to the National and Community War Funds. I am confident that you will extend the full cooperation of your department to the local campaigns throughout the United States for this cause. Such cooperation logically includes both the organization of effective solicitation of all employees of your department as well as employees of plants operated by you or under contracts let by you and the subsequent setting up of an adequate collection method for the convenience of those who wish to make subscriptions on an installment basis.

The agencies included in local war funds affiliated with the National War Fund include three types of service which are: first, those dedicated to the aid and comfort of our armed forces at home and abroad; second, those devoted to the assistance of our allies both in occupied and unoccupied territories -- especially in those countries where the dawn of liberation has come after four long years of oppression; and third, those services which are included in local welfare and Community Chests. To each individual anxious to do his part to support these extensive services one advantage is obvious; he can make one pledge to cover these essential welfare needs for the coming year.

I have given my approval to the appointment of Major General Philip B. Fleming, U.S.A., Administrator of the Federal Works Agency, as Government liaison representative to the National War Fund and its affiliated Community Chests.

I ask all employees to remember, when they are approached for these contributions, that this is an opportunity through sacrifice to reach their friends and neighbors at home and our men and women in service, and also to carry a message to the far-flung fronts which are our shield. Furthermore, I have every assurance that workers throughout the Nation will oversubscribe their goals, when they consider the valiant sacrifice which is being made by their own relatives and friends in our fighting forces.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Honorable
The Secretary of War

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1944

FROM: The Secretary of War

TO: All War Department Facilities

SUBJECT: National War Fund Campaign - October 1944

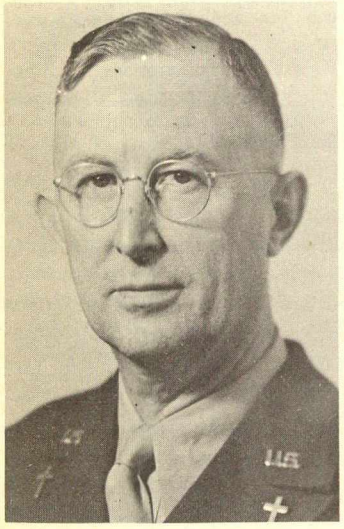
1. The 1944 National War Fund Campaign will be conducted throughout the nation in October. The President of the United States has expressed his confidence that American workers will oversubscribe the campaign's goal, for the sake of the men and women in the armed forces.

2. I am equally sure that your employees will want to do their share in helping this campaign attain and pass its goal. I shall be grateful for any assistance you can give the Fund in plans to solicit your employees and to collect their gifts through the point of employment. If you will contact the representative of the Fund in your community, he will make arrangements with you to enable your employees to contribute to the Fund.

Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War.

RECENT ARRIVALS AT LETTERMAN WORTHY OF BRIEF MENTION

In keeping with its reputation as a dynamic institution Letterman Hospital it is to be expected that the personnel is undergoing constant change, and we like to think, for the better. Recent arrivals for duty on the staff bear out that aspiration, and we feel very much like singing that old refrain of Dr. Coue—"Every day in every way we get better and better."



GUY C. TETIRICK
Chaplain (1st Lieut.) A.U.S.

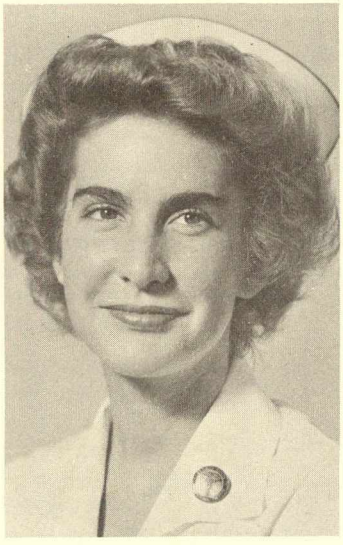
A new comer who confirms that statement is Chaplain Guy C. Tetirick who reported for duty last week and has been assigned to the Dante Annex for his field of labor.

The chaplain was born in Kingman, Kans., but transferred his allegiance to Oklahoma in early life and has stayed rather close to the "Sooner State" ever since. Mrs. Tetirick is the former Miss Faye Willett, of Blackwell, Okla.

Chaplain Tetirick is a graduate of the Boston University School of Theology and has filled pulpits in Oklahoma throughout his ministry with the exception of a tour of duty as a chaplain in the army during World War I. He saw service at Fort Bliss and Camp Jackson and was discharged in December 1918 to return to civil life.

The chaplain was in his thirteenth year as pastor of the University Methodist Church at Tulsa when he was given leave of absence to accept a commission as chaplain for another tour of army service. Completing the course at the Chaplains' School at Harvard University he was assigned to Camp White, Oregon, and had subsequent duty at Hammond General Hospital and McCaw General Hospital. He is well qualified for hospital service and is a welcome addition to the Letterman staff.

Two other recent arrivals are the very photogenic additions to the Occupational Therapy department. It was not so long ago that one of the aides expressed the opinion that her department needed a touch of glamor. It was a coincidence that a short time later a striking brunette was appointed to that section and they got their glamor. Could be the blondes were not happy about



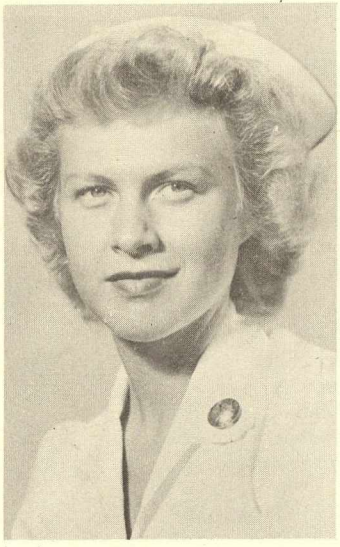
GRACE E. DEE
Apprentice O. T. Aide

that and felt they should be represented. Anyway, Miss Hatch, the head aide, looked up one day, rubbed her eyes, looked again — another brunette reporting for duty, and with her—you guessed it—a blonde. These days the Occupational Therapy department has loads of glamor with every one very happy about that situation. The young ladies are Grace Emmett Dee and Arlene Constance Simonson, and both are graduates of Washington University at St. Louis, and their status here is that of "Apprentice Occupational Therapy Aides." They will spend eight months in what is known as "Clinical Field Work" before being eligible for membership in the American Association of Occupational Therapists. The members of that organization are entitled Registered Occupational Therapists.

Miss Dee is a native of St. Louis while Miss Simonson hails from Waupaca, Wisconsin, and took her bachelor's degree in science at the University of Wisconsin before enrolling at Washington University in St. Louis.

Major Sawyer, officer in charge of reconditioning, admits there has been a marked increase in interest in his program, or that part of it which is carried on with the assistance of the occupational therapy aides.

There should be no special significance attached to the fact that in addition to a new chaplain we had a new provost marshal report for duty at this command. We do believe in prevention and look for the influence of the chaplain to keep men from getting into trouble but it is no reflection on the gentle-



ARLENE C. SIMONSON
Apprentice O. T. Aide

men of the corps when we feel a provost marshal can be useful in persuading offenders "not to do it again."

Our new provost marshal is Captain Norman J. Cantley and, if precedent is followed, he will be hailed as "Sheriff" when things are not strictly formal. The captain is a native of Los Angeles but minimizes that condition by having been associated with a topnotch organization — General Motors — before joining the fighting forces.

Captain Cantley came into the service by way of the Coast Artillery Reserve when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1935. Four years later he joined the National Guard of California and was assigned to the 115th Medical Regiment of the 40th Division and transferred to the Medical Administrative Corps.

He was sent to Alaska as a casual and served at Anchorage for ten months as Detachment Commander at the station hospital. He was next ordered to a field hospital on a small island near Attu where he was the adjutant for sixteen months. The island was a real 2x4—in miles —and the chief entertainment was trying to spot the dividing line between the Pacific Ocean and the Behring Sea.

The captain was returned to the mainland by rotation and his first concern was a little unfinished business—a delayed honeymoon. Just before leaving for Alaska he was married to Lieut. Helen Mulvaney, ANC., at Camp San Luis Obispo.

After 26 months in Alaska the



Captain
NORMAN J. CANTLEY, MAC.,
New Letterman Provost Marshal

captain is willing to be quoted on the real beauty of grass and trees and flowers even though it might be incongruous for a cop to wax poetic on nature's gifts. He is, after all, only acting as our Chief of Police for the duration.

THE FOG HORN

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The War Chest

With the opening of the campaign on Monday to raise over $3,000,000.00 by voluntary contributions to the San Francisco War Chest the citizens will have an opportunity to give their approval to a very excellent cause.

The campaign is conducted to obtain funds in support of twenty-two agencies—all of a charitable nature, and which otherwise would have to make twenty-two separate campaigns in order to get the means to carry on their useful work.

The Commanding General is taking a personal and official interest in the campaign this year. He is a firm believer in the wisdom dictating a united drive for aid, and in the worthy causes represented.

In former years the personnel of Letterman has given very generously to the San Francisco War Chest. On the record of the past we should have no trouble in raising a total of over two thousand dollars and we have set that as the minimum goal for our part in the campaign.

It is estimated that if every officer, enlisted man and civilian employee donate one half of his base pay for one day we will have our quota and a new record.

If you believe in helping the less fortunate—give promptly. If you have the means—give generously.

The War Chest deserves your support.



Six nurses joined the Letterman nursing staff this week, and a hearty welcome is extended to: Second Lieutenants **Betty Bergevin, Jeanette Allen, Rose Friedman, Bernice Gilbertson, Mabel Lefebvre** and **Mildred Osborne.** The sextette came from Fort Lewis, Washington, where they have just completed their basic training.

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Not only do 1st Lieut. **Pearle Lewick** and 2nd Lieut. **Maizie Lewis'** names appear on the nursing roster together, but also on the list of nurses hospitalized during the past week. Members of the LGH personnel extend sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to the pair.

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"Congratulations" were in order late last week when 1st Lieut. **Martyne L. McComb** became the bride of S/Sgt. **Jerry J. Sherman.**

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We bid welcome to Second Lieut. **Mildred L. Phillips,** who joined the ANC staff this week after a tour of duty in Australia.

Miss Phillips was born in Bassett, Arkansas, and at a very tender age moved to Texas—San Antonio—where she received all of her education. She went in training at the Jefferson Davis City Hospital in Houston and upon completion followed her career as a civil service nurse in Louisiana. She remained with this job until joining the corps in October of 1942.

Lieut. Phillips' first assignment was at Brooke General Hospital and from there she departed for overseas in May of 1943. Assigned to a hospital unit in Australia she remained there for 14 months before returning to the states again. And in July of this year she returned via air.

An enthusiastic tennis player the lieutenant found an interest in common with many of the Australian nurses and upon her departure from that country, was given a gift of a racket as a remembrance by one of her tennis-mates.

She is assigned to duty on Ward D-1.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Brig. General **Raymond W. Bliss,** Assistant Surgeon General, and Brig. Gen. **Fred Rankin,** Surgical Consultant to the Surgeon General, tarrying in San Francisco long enough for a dinner at Fisherman's Wharf before moving eastward to Washington.

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First Lieut. **Theodore Clark,** MAC., one time Lettermanite, back in the role of patient from overseas.

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Second Lieut. **George D. Dowling** with his cap off.

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Colonel **Byron J. Peters** being introduced to a new Russian game at the Press Club.

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Colonel **Leonard Peterson,** Orthopedic Consultant to the Surgeon General, and Lieut. Colonel **John D. Loutzenheiser,** Orthopedic Consultant for the Ninth Service Command, here this week on official business.

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Chaplain (Colonel) **Joseph E. Ensrud,** Inspector of Field Activities for the Chief of Chaplains, dropping in for a brief visit.

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An unknown officer, wandering around. Maybe another inspector.

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Corporal **Joe Lopez** more than usually busy with this and that in his side of the Receiving Office.

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Captain Edwards warming up for the War Chest campaign and promising to get our quota the first week.

As a member of the Board at the Army and Navy Club, 1st Lieutenant **May D. Hanawalt** wishes to encourage more interest from the nurses in the privileges offered to the women of the services.

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During the week five nurses joined the annex staff of nurses, coming from other hospital units within the United States. The nurses are Second Lieutenants **Mary E. West, Virginia C. Blonde, Cunegundes Przybilla, Bertha S. Rozen** and **Loretta Garne.tt**

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, October 1, 1944
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600, 0800, 0900, and 1100.
Daily—Mass, 1700
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Special Shows

A special presentation of "Follies from Dibble" will be given at the Recreation Center on Monday, 2 October, at 1930 for the patients of this hospital. The production is the work of Lieut. Bernard Elgart, Special Services Officer at Dibble, and the cast is made up of personnel from that hospital. The director is Sgt. Minitella.

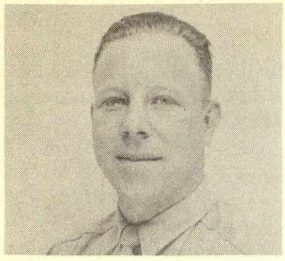
Another "Follies"—the Presidio Follies—had the stage at the Recreation Center on Monday evening last. Talent from the Presidio and Letterman combined to make up the cast, and the ATC band from Hamilton Field, under the baton of Sgt. Risoli, furnished the music.

Patients received with enjoyment a unique entertaining and educational stage show which was presented by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company on Wednesday, 27th of September, at the Recreation Center.

The show combined the educational and entertaining features cleverly and the cast was headed by a versatile master of ceremonies. Special equipment used by the telephone company was featured, and patient members of the audience participated in several of the acts. The demonstration included the use of equipment of the future, and many of the articles were displayed for the first time.

The show, which is on tour and is performing at camps and hospitals in the bay area, was arranged for the Letterman performance by Mr. Leland Kilborn, camp telephone manager for the Pacific Telephon & Telegraph Company.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



GLENN H. McWILLIAMS
Pvt., Medical Det.

In this column we feature a 'bronco-busting' private as our 'Buck of this week'—in the person of Private Glenn H. McWilliams. Born in Irving, Missouri, he received all of his education in the town of his birth and after completion of his 'book-learnin' went to work on his father's farm. The desire to see other sections of America soon found our buck moving to Fort Scott, Kansas, where he worked as an engraver on tombstones. He returned home then, and was married.

Intermittently during his period of travel, the private would find time to participate in rodeos and often would receive prizes for his skill in controlling the more spirited horses. His riding was not only confined to the equine however, for he became quite adept at riding calves also. As Glenn says, "I was raised in a saddle," he chuckles over an incident which occurred at the worldly age of ten. Quite an experienced man of horses at that age, Our Buck thought he would like to ride a mule. He mounted the animal and tried to lead it on as he would a horse—but the mule became over-exuberant and bounded forth with such alacrity that Glenn was thrown in the air and landed on the ground—not too lightly.

Private McWilliams was inducted into the Army on 19 August 1942 at Camp Adair, Oregon, where he received his basic training and was assigned to an infantry unit. He remained with this outfit until six months after when he was transferred into the Mallord Guard due to a physical deficiency. Next came the quartermaster section—working with supply and finally a transfer to Letterman.

When the war is over and the private becomes Mr. McWilliams, he plans to move his family to Pittsburg, Kansas, and secure work as a mechanic in a garage. And riding horses will always be his favorite pastime and enjoyment.

YOU CAN GO BACK TO SCHOOL UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE GI BILL

By Camp Newspaper Service

Educational opportunities for returning servicemen under the GI Bill of Rights (Public Law No. 346) are the most liberal in the nation's history—but the bill is by no means a "gravy train."

A study of its provisions reveals that only serious-minded students who demonstrate the requisite industry and capacity for learning will be able to take full advantage of the educational benefits.

Any ex-serviceman (including Regular Army men) can get at least a year's education or training —or its equivalent in continuous part-time study—at government expense at any approved educational or training institution, provided:

1. He is discharged or released from the military or naval service under conditions other than dishonorable.

2. He has served in the active military or naval service for at least 90 days between Sept. 16, 1940 and the end of the war, or is released from active service by reason of an actual service incurred disability or injury.

3. He has had his education "impeded, delayed or interrupted" by reason of his entrance into service, or desires a refresher or retraining course.

A serviceman who was not over 25 years of age at the time he entered the service will be deemed to have had his education or training interrupted and need not prove it.

Servicemen who were more than 25 when they entered the service also are entitled to a year's free schooling or training under a recent ruling by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. But if they want more than a year of schooling, they must present satisfactory evidence that their education was interrupted by their military service.

There are a few other restrictions. For instance, if a serviceman pursued a course of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy College Program, and the Army or Navy course was a continuation of his civilian course and was completed, that time will not count toward the 90 days active service required. Neither will service as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies count toward the 90 days.

In addition, the serviceman must begin the course or training within two years of his discharge, or within two years after the end of the war, whichever date is later. And the entire program will be wound up within seven years after the end of the war, with no course or training afforded beyond that date.

These are the minimum benefits which any ex-serviceman who qualifies can obtain. However, in order to receive additional government-financed education, he must demonstrate industry and capacity for learning by satisfactorily completing that first year's course of training or education according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution he elects to attend. He then will qualify for an additional period or periods of education or training not to exceed the time spent in active military service between Sept. 16, 1940 and the end of the war, and in no case to exceed four years of total training. (Refresher or retraining courses will be limited to one year or less.)

At any time after the first year government financing of his education may be discontinued if the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs finds his progress or conduct unsatisfactory according to the standards and practice of the institution he is attending.

For qualified ex-servicemen, the government will undertake to pay costs of tuition, library, laboratory, health, infirmary, and other similar fees up to $500 for an ordinary school year. A subsistence allowance of $50 per month for an ex-serviceman without dependents, and $75 a month for one with dependents, also will be paid.

New York (CNS)—Willie Sheppard, 7, and his three-year-old brother Ronald killed a bottle of wine between them, then passed out cold behind a stove. At a local hospital they were treated for alcohol poisoning, sent home to bed and a milk toast diet.

Omaha (CNS)—Among the divorces filed here recently was one by a confessed pickpocket. He claimed he stole a sailor's wallet, found his wife's picture within.

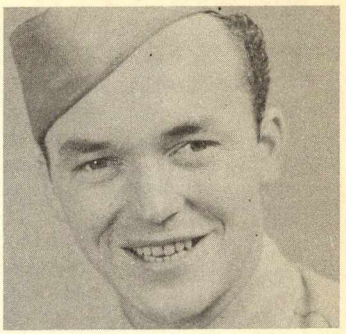
Phoenix, Ariz. (CNS) — Russ Moreno, 19, was arrested for drunken driving—on a bicycle. Moreno was nabbed after a cop saw him zigzagging crazily down the street on his wheel.

Andover, Mass. (CNS) — Three fun-loving boys, aged 8, 9 and 10, piled bricks on a railroad track and giggled in glee when a handcar was derailed. They told juvenile authorities they were imitating a funny sheet villain.

Brooklyn (CNS) — Ray Martin gulped down a dram of benzine in the belief that it was gin. Hospital attendants said he would survive.

Chicago (CNS) — Chicago's birth rate fell to 16 percent per 1000 persons during the first half of 1944. The decline was attributed to the absence of husbands in the armed services and the increase of women workers in war plants.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Pvt. WALTER B. CHAFFEE

In the days of long ago, or last year—if you insist on fact—Pvt. Walter B. Chafee was one of the cameramen attached to the Signal Corps Photo Lab at the Presidio. He lived up to the traditional motto of that group "Service—and quick service."

Like so many of his confreres Walter silently stole away for other fields and the news about him has been scarce. When it comes to soldiers the adage "No news is good news" certainly fits the situation. The average GI Joe becomes a rolling stone and could never hope to keep up a correspondence with all the good people he meets as he wanders from post to post in this man's army.

At last Pvt. Chaffee breaks silence to tell about a furlough he spent in his home town of Detroit —his first visit there in over five years. He lets us in on his membership in the Army Air Forces where there is plenty of chance to use a camera. Chaffee sends greetings to the old gang.

While this was being written another of the old "Cameramen" walked into the sanctum. He is now Staff Sgt. Kenneth V. McVey, at the moment attending the Enlisted Specialists' School and taking the X-ray course. In one of those changes always taking place in the army Ken was whisked away from the Photo Lab and when he settled down again he was in the Medical Department. He was sent here from Fort Lewis for the technical training in the mechanics of the X-ray machine but his first love—photography—is still his favorite pastime.

Cameramen take a lot of pictures and the pictures are given plenty of space in publications but it is rare to see a cameraman's name in print in connection with his job.

All cameramen are welcome at the FOGHORN office.

MEDICAL DETACH

Those men who have received furloughs during the past week were: Pvt. Orland R. Dial who received 23 days; T/4th Gr. Billy D. Lowe and Pvt. Ashley D. Lambert—22 days T/Sgt. Everett R. Pierce and Sgt. Firmino B. Cavalli both with 15 days and T/5th Gr. Claudie R. Johnson with 16 days.

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Good luck and best wishes are extended to the following men who left the detachment this week: T/5th Gr. Daniel J. O'Connor, T/5th Gr. Ralph E. Rothery, Pvt. John L. Vetrano, Pvt. Woodall and T/5th Gr. Warren E. Crosby.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Walter A. Yohe back to work once again after that long siege of illness.

The confidence with which Sgt. Eugene F. Ryback declares a 'sure thing'—on the racing forms.

The amazement of Pvt. Paul Katz when he discovered that there were other towns around the bay area besides San Francisco.

Sgt. John W. Dean playing with the 'Snooker Experts' during the lunch hour and beginning to show promise of winning every now and then.

The Letterman Post Exchange bowling team now in a new league and opening up in the number 'one' spot.

Pvt. Rene Iacomini working in the Physio-Therapy section and finding it a good deal easier on his feet than the last assignment.

Cpl. Wallace A. Brurud recuperating after an eye operation and in the role of patient on Ward K-2.

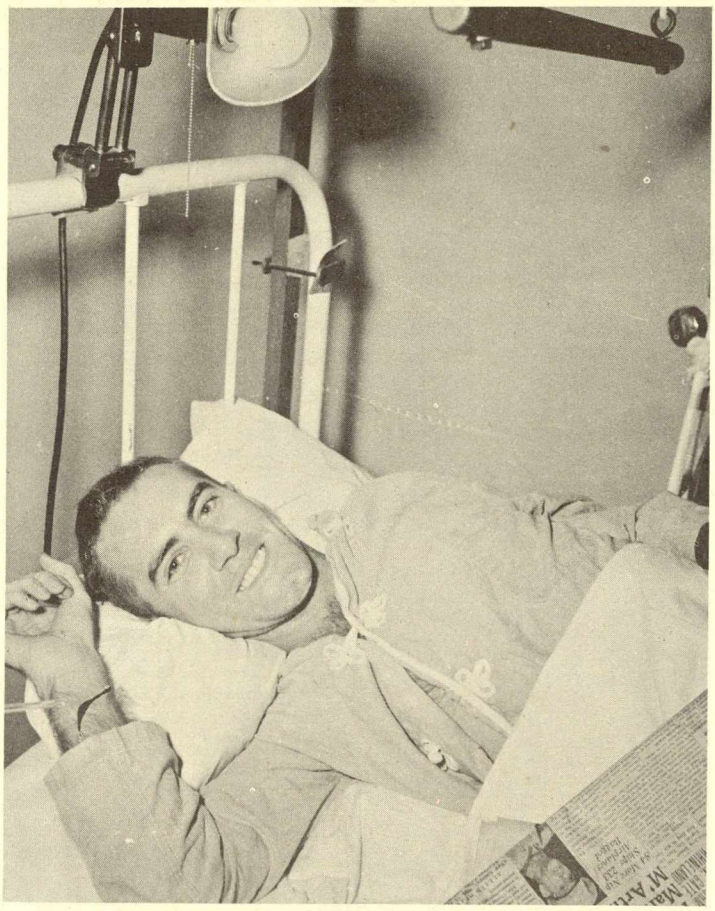
Sgts. Lewin S. Villa and Louis D. Slott making with the "crazy quilt" talk during the busy lunch-hour in the PX grill.

Cpl. Lowell G. Buettner making excuses for his dark glasses—'that the sun is too strong for his eyes.'

Hot Coffee in Cup Is OK; in Pot Not So Good

CHICAGD, Ill. (ALNS)—Ray Tyson, of Chicago, isn't as fond of hot coffee as he used to be. Not since his wife, Mildred, threw a pot of it at him during a quarrel. Tyson is in the hospital with burns on his face, chest and arms.

PLUMMER IS BACK HERE BECAUSE THE MEDICOS WERE BACK THERE



Corporal CLYDE S. PLUMMER, Inf.

Not so many months ago, Cpl. Clyde S. Plummer was a military policeman at Norfolk, Va. He longed for overseas action as a combat Infantryman, and he applied for a transfer to the Infantry. He got his wish, he saw plenty of action in the Southwest Pacific, and now, a wounded veteran, he has returned to the United States.

Cpl. Plummer, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Plummer of R.F.D. 2, Box 264, Portage, Pa., served as a rifleman and assistant squad leader in the 41st Infantry Division. He was wounded on Wakde Island during the fight for the airstrip, a sniper's bullet hitting him in the back when, as he put it, he was "just one step from a shell hole in which I'd have been fairly safe."

So swift and efficient was the medical aid he was given that he was evacuated from the shell hole into which he fell to a battalion aid station in a matter of minutes, under heavy fire, and within two hours was in a portable hospital.

The Infantry corporal, a broad-shouldered six-footer, saw his most intensive action, he said, in the fighting above Aitape.

"Our job there," he said, "was to clean the Japs out of the mountains, and the troops opposing us were elements of the Japanese 35th Division, veterans of Singapore and regarded as among the toughest soldiers in the Nip army.

"They were dug in in coral caves and it was a real job to get them out. We lugged flame throwers into those mountains and shot flame into the caves when we couldn't get them out in any other way. Sometimes, when a flame thrower wasn't available, we'd pour gasoline into the caves—where the Japs always had machineguns as well as rifles, and burn them out that way."

Cpl. Plummer recalled this sequence of exciting actions in which he took part:

At dawn May 17 his outfit hit the beach on the Dutch New Guinea coast at Arara, 115 miles west of Hollandia. They overcame comparatively slight opposition, left the beachhead at 11 a.m., crossed a 2½-mile-wide channel, and landed on Wakde.

They encountered heavy enemy counterfire as they went ashore. But the doughboys forged inland and six hours later they had captured the airfield, and by the next afternoon every Japanese pillbox on Wakde had been knocked out.

"Don't think that wasn't a tough task," said Cpl. Plummer in an interview at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco. "The cliffs on the island were honeycombed with Jap bunkers. And the Japs didn't give in easily. They made a last stand on a strip of land half a mile wide on the northwest corner of the island.

"There, we had to knock them out of interlocking log and concrete bunkers, where they had dozens of machineguns and mortars. Our company, when the fight was over, counted 759 Jap dead there on Wakde's 'coffin corner.' We took virtually no prisoners.

"Heroes were a dime a dozen in that fighting. I don't suppose a GI doughboy thinks of anything, in combat, as especially heroic because so many things happen, but I remember in particular our company aid man, 'Doc' Baye, a Chicago boy. I saw him go out under heavy machinegun fire and give medical aid to at least a dozen of our wounded.

"Another fellow, Cpl. Carlton Tidrick of Kalisbell, Mont., when we were attacking the pillboxes took over his squad when the squad leader was killed, got the wounded back to where they had some cover, reorganized, and went in and led the attack that blasted that pillbox right out of existence."

Modest about his own part in the fighting, Cpl. Plummer said he "just kept shooting."

He chuckled as he recalled the strange experience of a buddy.

"At night," he said, "the Japs always raided our lines, and one night a Jap sneaked up to the foxhole where this friend of mine was—he was a little bit of a guy—and the Jap thrust his bayonet into the foxhole. Well, my pal, 'Shorty'—Paul Snedaker, his name was—grabbed hold of the bayonet. The Jap yanked, and pulled Shorty right out of the hole, but Shorty wrestled the Jap's rifle away from him and killed the Jap with his own bayonet."

Before he entered the service, Cpl. Plummer was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company at Johnstown, Pa., as an industrial policeman.

The Stork Was Here

To Major and Mrs. **William W. Wheeler,** a son, William Lewis, born 24 September, weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Louis Pierovich,** a daughter, Pamela Karlynn, born 25 September, weight 7 pounds six ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Erker B. Trent,** a son, Kenneth Roger, born 24 September, weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Franklyn R. Mershon,** a son, David Barry, born 17 September, weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Stephen B. Russell,** a son, Robert Stephen, born 19 September, weight 8 pounds 1 ounce.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Raymond L.** Cobeon, a son David Garfield, born 19 September, weight 5 pounds 4 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Donald L. Soderberg,** a daughter, Donna Lee,, born 21 September, weight 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To W. O. and Mrs. **John M. Holliday,** a daughter, Nancy Kay, born 19 September, weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **Raymond E. Menke,** a daughter, Donna Ione, born 26 September, weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Marion Jones,** a son, Marvin Cary, born 26 September, weight 4 pounds 10 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Oscar L. Morgan,** a daughter, Janice Sandra Stinson, born 22 September, weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. **Parker F. Heine,** a son, John Parker, born 18 September, weight 6 pounds 5 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Ernest F. Bennet,** a son, Richard Lee, born 21 September, weight 6 pounds 13 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Thomas I. Szegly,** a daughter, Sandra Davis, born 26 September, weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Burl B. Brooks,** a daughter, Beryl Carol, born 25 September, weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Tim Smith, a** daughter, Arlene Frances, born 18 September, weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **William D. Bingham,** a son, Steven Randall, born 27 September, weight 9 pounds 4 ounces.

LIEUT. VEITENHEIMER LEARNED THE HARD WAY—JEEPS DON'T FLY



Lieut. CATHERINE VEITENHEIMER, ANC
Who will never tell a jeep to jump over a cliff.

When this war is over one of the chief topics of chatter wherever veterans are gathered will be the versatility of the army jeep. Up to now there has been almost nothing that tiny vehicle could not do and its achievements are to be found both on the debit and credit side of the record.

One occasion when a jeep took the notion to leap over an embankment will be long remembered by Lieut. Catherine Veitenheimer, of the Army Nurse Corps. It happened at Trinidad in the British West Indies where the lieutenant had been serving for three months. Trinidad is a lovely spot, with a climate tempered by the Gulf Stream, and far from the combat zone. It is the sort of place where one could be fairly comfortable while a war is going on in other parts of the world, and yet be ready if and when the war should come close.

Could be that Lieut. Veitenheimer was entertaining such thoughts on that sunny afternoon as she was a passenger in the jeep bound for another section of the island. Without warning the jeep hit a rut in the road, bounced across a low protecting shoulder, and went over a cliff. When the lieutenant was picked up she had a broken back and a long hospitalization ahead of her.

She was flown to Miami in one of the air evacuation planes and after a brief rest at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta the next stop was Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan, where she remained for six months. A period of convalescent sick leave effected something approaching complete recovery and the young officer was ready for duty. From the Southern Personnel Reassignment Center at San Antonio she was ordered to Letterman for station.

Lieut. Veitenheimer is a native of Muskegon, Michigan, attended the St. Mary's high school in her home town and took her professional training at St. Mary's Hospital at Grand Rapids. She was on the staff in a doctor's office in Grand Rapids until she joined the army in 1943. Basic training was taken at Camp Grant and the station hospital at Trinidad was her first duty station.

The lieutenant believes she will like San Francisco and when the sun comes out we know she will.

Prize of $5000 is Offered for New Book by Veteran

Awaiting some service man or woman who received battle wounds in the present war is a $5,000 plum from the literary tree of publishing firm E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc., sponsors of the "G. I. Joe Literary Award" contest, it was announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters of the Ninth Service Command.

The prize, according to information received at the Utah headquarters of Major General William E. Shedd, Commanding General of the command, will be presented to the author of the best book manuscript submitted by a service man or woman of any rank wounded in action in the present World War.

The winning author will be paid $2,500 upon acceptance of the manuscript by the New York publishing house. The balance will be paid following publication.

Deadline for submitting manuscripts in the current contest is January 1, 1945. Identical contest awards will also be given in 1946 and 1947. Contestants may submit more than one entry.

Both fiction and non-fiction will be considered, including poetry and collections of short stories. Prose manuscripts should not be less than 50,000 words in length. Material for textbooks and children's books will not be considered.

Manuscripts should be mailed to 286-302 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dallas, Tex. (CNS)—When police found Charles Harrell shaving in somebody else's bathroom, they arrested him on a charge of housebreaking. Harrell, righteously indignant at his arrest, said he had just dropped in "to clean up for a date."

Not News From Your Own Home Town

Mason City, Iowa—Leonard P. Bell celebrated his 86th birthday yesterday by roller skating 45 miles to Cornhusk Corners. Mr. Bell was slightly winded after his jaunt due to the fact that his great-grandfather insisted on racing the last ten miles and Leonard had to come from behind to win by a bunion.

Chelan, Wash.—The Fatboy Eating Emporium will be closed temporarily while wreckage is being cleared away. Cause of the damage was attributed to the combination of ravenously hungry Merle C. West and a menu consisting solely of lamb chops. Ample warning was given by Mr. West when he cried, "Somebody get outside to catch the dead." Mr. Gordon Lockwood, local onlooker, obliged and did a neat job of stacking.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Mr. Harry P. Agruss, managing genius of the Slim Trim Dieting and Health Institute, again left town amidst the cheers of the populace. Mr. Agruss left by rail and wore, for the occasion, a pitch black ensemble liberally sprinkled with feathers.

Oakland, Calif.—Lewis S. Villa, local furniture merchant and assembler of Chaplains' radios, was severely injured yesterday when he caught his hands in an electric fan while describing his last fishing trip.

San Bernardino, Calif. — Postmaster John Ryan, in a statement to the press, suggests that everyone mail his Christmas presents early this year in order to avoid that last minute rush. In commenting on last years record load, Mr. Ryan said, "Ohhhhh, my back!!!....

Oakland, Calif.—Herman Gai was sentenced to thirty days in the local pokey by Judge Caesar Michelotti in Police Court today. The charge: disturbing the peace by practicing on his saxaphone at four a.m.—accompanied by his dogs.

Redwood City, Calif.—A benefit dance will be held tonight for Robert Andersons creditors. Mr. Anderson, local pianist, will be present and personally pay off as many of his creditors as he can with the proceeds derived. All are invited but only bona fide creditors bearing promissary notes with Mr. Anderson's signature may share in the take.

WARMIN' THE BENCH



By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

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Studies in Pessimism

Football coaches—unlike those happy and fun-loving gnomes, the fight managers — are traditionally gloomy, despondent, melancholy, pessimistic and readers of Schopenhauer. They are not a happy bunch.

We used to know a fight manager who habitually overmatched his bums against men of high calibre in the ring. To hear him talk about it, however, the tanks in his stable always had the punch of Jack Dempsey, the guile of Gene Tunney and the durability of Battling Nelson.

"My bum will moider him," he used to say.

We used to know a football coach, too, who habitually came up with the strongest teams in his conference. He always had a powerhouse, a team with fleet backs, a block-busting line, and a hotel full of reserves. Yet, he would cry like a baby when anybody asked him what his prospects were.


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"Those bruisers will kill my boys," he used to moan before the Spearfish Normal game. "We haven't got a chance."

This year all the weepers in football really have something to weep about. The lineups of college football teams in the U.S.A. this fall are as full of holes as a slice of swiss cheese. You could travel from coast to coast without finding an outstanding team—if you skipped West Point and Annapolis. On the banks of the Hudson and at Crabtown on the Bay, we are pleased to report, there is nothing to weep about this year.

The Army, coached by Lt. Col. Earl (Red) Blaik, is very likely to have the best football team in its history this fall. And the Navy is quite likely to have a better one. When you think of what's going to happen when these two babies tangle, why, it's enough to make you shudder.

Army has a lot of great backs: Tom Lombardo, Glenn Davis, Max Minor, Bobby Dodds, Doug Kenna and Dean Sensengaugher. Lombardo, a ten-second guy, is the slowest man in the backfield. Davis, Army's best back last year, is the fastest fullback in the game. Kenna, tabbed the best Army back since Red Cagle before he broke his arm two years ago, is ready to roar once again. Sensenbaugher, a plebe, was a sensational freshman scatter-back at Ohio State last year.


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Navy, coached this year by Cmdr. Oscar E. (Swede) Hagberg, who has succeeded Capt. John E. Whelchel, has backs as good as the Army and a line as good as the Chicago Bears. The backs include little Hal Hamberg, mainstay of last year's once-beaten Navy team, Dick Druden, Bill Barron, Joe Sullivan, Jim Pettit, Tom Dwyer and Bruce Smith. The linemen include Don Whitmire, All-American tackle; Big Jack Martin, All-American center; Captain Ben Chase, a hulking guard, and a half dozen speedy ends.

Faced with the prospect of tackling this monster of the midway on Dec. 2, Col. Blaik is whistling bravely in the graveyard. "We have a better team than last year," the Army coach says, "but we still can't compare with Navy. They have everything."

His eye ran down the Navy roster and he shook his head and sighed. Then came the payoff remark.

"But that doesn't mean we won't beat the Navy," he said.

Army's schedule includes North Carolina, Brown, Pittsburgh, Coast Guard, Duke, Villanova, Notre Dame, Penn and Navy.

The Navy will play North Carolina Pre-Flight, Penn State, Duke Georgia Tech, Penn, Notre Dame, Cornell, Purdue and Army.

Washington (CNS)—Irked when a waiter persistently ignored his order, a customer in a local restaurant knocked the waiter down, dragged him into the kitchen and dipped his head into a pot of noodle soup.

Pottsville, Pa. (CNS) — Sgt. Walter J. Rogers said he was glad to get home to Pottsville after 15 months fighting in Italy. "But," he complained, "all my buddies are gone and there's no one to go out with but girls."

Inquiring Line

Q. Two months ago, when I was a corporal, I filed an application for maternity care for my wife, who was expecting a baby. Now the baby is due any day but in the meantime I have become a staff sergeant and thus ineligible to apply for maternity aid. What I want to know is—does my previous application stick.

A. Yes, it does, luckily for you. Although it is true that maternity aid is given only to the wives of enlisted men in the lowest four grades, the controlling factor in the application for this aid is the rank held at the time the application was made, not the rank held when the maternity care is needed. As a corporal, you were eligible to apply for the care.

Q. Recently I submitted an application for Infantry OCS but was told that I would have to submit three letters of recommendation in order to have my application approved. Can they do this to me?

A. Letters of recommendation for officer candidate school are not required by current regulations and they are considered unnecessary and undesirable. (WD. Cir. 319, 1 August 1944)

Q. Does the Army pay of American soldiers continue while they are prisoners-of-war?

A. Certainly. While a GI is the prisoner of an enemy, his Army pay is saved for him and paid to him on his release. His family allotments continue while he is a prisoner. The treatment of American prisoners by the enemy is governed by rules established at the Geneva Convention.

MORE ABOUT NSC ESTABLISHES

Surgery of the blood vessels, termed vascular surgery is performed at DeWitt General Hospital.

Rheumatic fever patients receive care in the favorable climatic conditions of Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs and Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif.

In addition to general medicine, other specialties of Ninth Service Command hospitals are: Deep X-ray therapy. Bushnell and Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco; radium therapy, Letterman; histopathologic, Hoff, Bushnell and Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, psychiatry, Birmingham, Bushnell, DeWitt, Dibble and McCaw General Hospitals.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Kay Kyser And His Band to Play for Our Patients

A special treat is in store for the patients when Kay Kyser, the "ole Professor" from the Kolledge of Musical Knowledge, will wield the baton before his famous band on Tuesday afternoon in the Letterman Patio.

Kay and his band were here on a previous occasion and it is believed he set a record for an audience that has not been bettered today. It is his ambition to set a new record with his new players and some of the members of the band who have been with him for years. The concert will make up an hour of excellent entertainment during which Georgia Carroll (Mrs. Kay Kyser in private life), Harry Babbitt, "Sassy Sully" Mason, and the character known as Ish Kabbibble will perform in their specialties.

Kay has millions of admirers among the men of the armed forces and he has given generously of his time and talent to brighten the days and evenings of our men in camps and stations all over the country. His cry of "Students?" will echo here on Tuesday and the program will be heard by the bed patients over the hospital radio net.

Kay and his stars will visit the wards at the conclusion of the patio performance. Another well known screen star will be with us on Wednesday afternoon when George "Gabby" Hayes will make a personal appearance in the patio and on the wards.

Gabby is one of the best known and best loved western characters in motion pictures. He has just completed his 140th western picture and his face is familiar for his parts in 24 "Hop-a-long Cassidy" films and some twenty with Roy Rogers in "The Lights of Old Santa Fe."



Colonel ACHILLES L. TYNES, M. C.
Chief of New Hospital Construction Division, Office of the Surgeon General, who spent a few days last week at Letterman on official business.

Booth for War Chest Donations Located on Ramp

To facilitate the work of making contributions to the War Chest Fund during the annual campaign now in progress, a special booth has been placed on the main ramp of the hospital where the personnel of the command may leave their donations to this worthy cause.

Captain Andrew R. Edwards, director of the campaign, made arrangements for the construction and location of the booth at such a central point. Through the co-operation of the American Red Cross and Miss Gloria Rich, Letterman Field Director, the booth will be attended by volunteers on week days from 1000 to 1600.

The quota to be raised by our campaign committee is two thousand dollars and contributions made during the first days of the drive indicated that we would reach our goal and establish a new record for succeeding campaigns.

The basis for individual donations is one half of one day's pay but that is the minimum and the maximum depends on the generosity of the contributor.

The commanding General is taking a personal interest in the drive this year and what we do will reflect on the command.

GEN. HILLMAN IS GUEST SPEAKER AT SAN FRANCISCO PRESS CLUB

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General at Letterman, was the guest speaker at the weekly dinner of the San Francisco Press Club held in the club rooms at Powell and Sutter Streets last evening.

The club has on its membership rolls the gentlemen of the "Fourth Estate" connected with the local newspapers, as well as the staff of the Associated Press, United Press, and International News Service. Also representatives of the major radio networks and the broadcasting stations located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

For the duration of the emergency the Press Club has extended the courtesy of its facilities to the commissioned personnel of the armed forces and is a popular spot with the officers in their off duty hours.

On the walls of the clubrooms are numerous photographs of all the distinguished guests who have addressed the club in past years and the roster of the celebrities reads like a "Who's Who" in America.

General Hillman was accompanied to the club dinner by Colonel Brown S. McClintic, Executive Officer of Letterman.

DOUGHBOY TELLS WHAT MEDICS MEAN TO WOUNDED AT FRONT

After 72 days of frontline action as an Infantryman in the Southwest Pacific, PFC Willard Asch, 29, of 2025 Park Rd., N. W., Washington, D. C., formerly of Devil's Lake, N. D., was put out of action when mortar shell fragments struck him just above the left knee. But during his time in combat he accounted for more Japanese than he could "keep track of." So he feels, he said, that the Army's investment in sending him overseas was pretty well justified.

As a rifleman with the 41st Infantry Division, PFC Asch fought at Aitape, Toem, Wadke, and Biak. He is back in the United States now, and in an interview at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, he expressed his admiration for the fighting abilities of his doughboy comrades and his thorough hatred of the Japanese.

"I can give you," he said, "a good example of why the GIs fighting down there in the jungles feel a really deep, personal hatred for the Japs. As everyone knows, an Infantry medical aid man will go anywhere he's needed, no matter how thick the enemy fire, or how tough the going is.

"Well, the Japs know that, too. We found that a favorite trick of the Japs—most of whom have a parrot-like English vocabulary—is, at night, to cry out 'Medic, medic.' Then when a medical soldier crawls out in the direction of the supposedly wounded doughboy, the Japs will wait until he's so close they can't miss, and shoot him dead.

"We lost several medics that way. The bad part of it was that the medics, being very brave guys, even after they knew it might be a trap, would have to go anyway, on the chance that the call for help might be genuine."

PFC Asch, who is the son of Mrs. E. H. Weber of the Hotel Carlton, Portland, Ore., and whose wife, Mrs. Genevieve Asch, is a Government worker in Washington, described the action in which he was wounded.

"It was on Biak," he said. "My company had just one more mission to accomplish before we had cleared out the Japs. We had to take a ridge where the Nips were dug in with mortar and machinegun positions. We started advancing up the ridge. It was bad, because the Japs had mortar observers who had us spotted, and they started dropping mortar shells on us.



PFC. WILLARD ASCH, Infantry

"Of course, we kept going. Once you're started, you never think of anything else but keeping going. But it was a scarey feeling, being pinpointed for their motor fire that way.

"We were within 100 yards of the mortar position that was the objective of my unit when they started dropping shells right on my squad. In just a short time they dropped 10 shells, and one of them got me. A moment later they dropped three more shells so close that they'd have blown me to bits if they had been good ones. But they were duds.

"Our company first aid man—one of those fellows who was always around when you needed him most—administered morphine and fixed me up, and, under fire, I was carried down the slope on a litter fixed up of a shelter half and branches the boys hacked from trees."

On the beach at Wadke, PFC Asch said, where a bitter struggle raged until the Japs were driven back into the jungle, he spent an entire day with rifle and machinegun bullets whistling within inches of him for hours at a time.

He frequently was on patrol missions, and these, he said, were particularly hazardous.

"The Japs would set up ambushes," he said, "and would let one, two, or maybe four or five men of a patrol go through, then they'd open fire, starting picking off the men at the rear of the column. This was confusing, and you had to think, as well as fight your way out of spots like that. But we soon learned to do the same thing to the Japs, and that sort of evened things up, for they got a lot more confused in a spot like that than we did."

PFC Asch has a whole-hearted enthusiasm for the weapon he carried, an M-1 rifle. The piece was so durable, he declared, that after firing it for hours from a water-filled foxhole he could open the rifle, flush it out with rain water, and continue to fire it, as accurately as ever.

On Wadke, PFC Asch said, he saw a Japanese with a land mine strapped to his back attempt to wreck an American tank by diving into its path as a "human mine."

"But," he added, "a buddy of mine, Sgt. Bill Rommell, was too quick for the Jap. He saw him as the Nip was about to dive from a bank in front of the tank and killed him before he could move."

Night after night, according to PFC Asch, the Japanese attacked American lines, "howling like maniacs and apparently willing to sacrifice their lives if they could take some of us with them. We'd just squat in our foxholes, wait for them to come, and pour fire into them when they charged."

He added that he had seen the Japanese employ a unique weapon, a string of grenades, attached to a cord, and hurled into American positions.

"They'd whirl this string of grenades around their head and let go with it," he said, "and, of course, it made for quite a bit of fragmentation."

PFC Asch added that although the night-raiding parties usually were made of Japanese who "had filled themselves full of saki then volunteered for those suicide missions," the average Japanese soldier is a cool, stubborn fighter and a good shot.

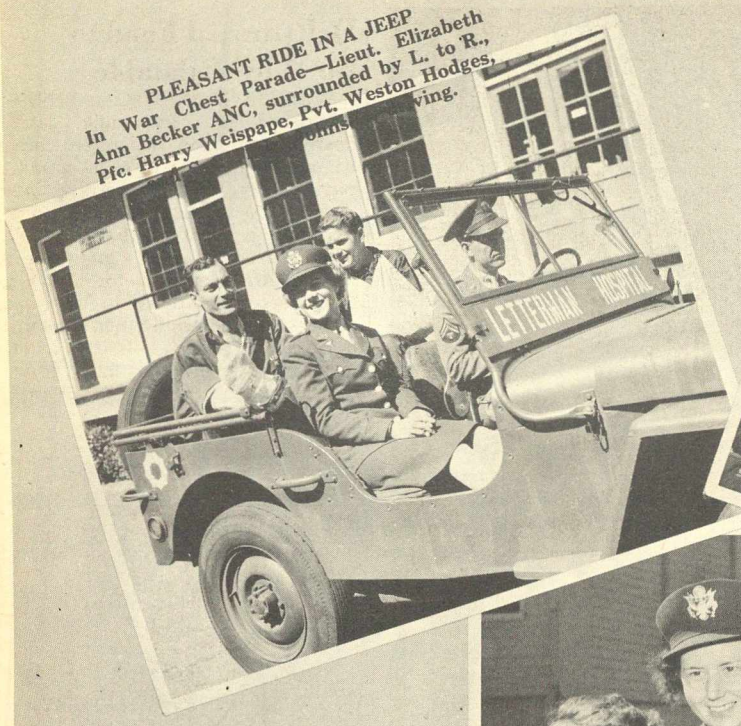
PFC Asch is a graduate of Bismarck, N. D., High School, and before he entered the service was employed as a salesman for the Liggett-Myers Tobacco Company in Devil's Lake, N. D.

Dehydrated Food to Be More Palatable

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—Powdered eggs and milk, dehydrated meat and vegetables, may be more palatable in some messes, particularly in the Army Air Forces. Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the A. A. F., has ordered all cooks and bakers in the Air Forces, before leaving for overseas stations, to take the course in processing and cooking dehydrated foods. This instruction is now being given at 52 Quartermaster Cooks' and Bakers' Schools throughout the country.

Indianapolis (CNS) — County Clerk Jack Tilson is giving away free marriage certificates to GIs.

LETTERMAN PATIENTS PROMINENT IN WAR CHEST PARADE



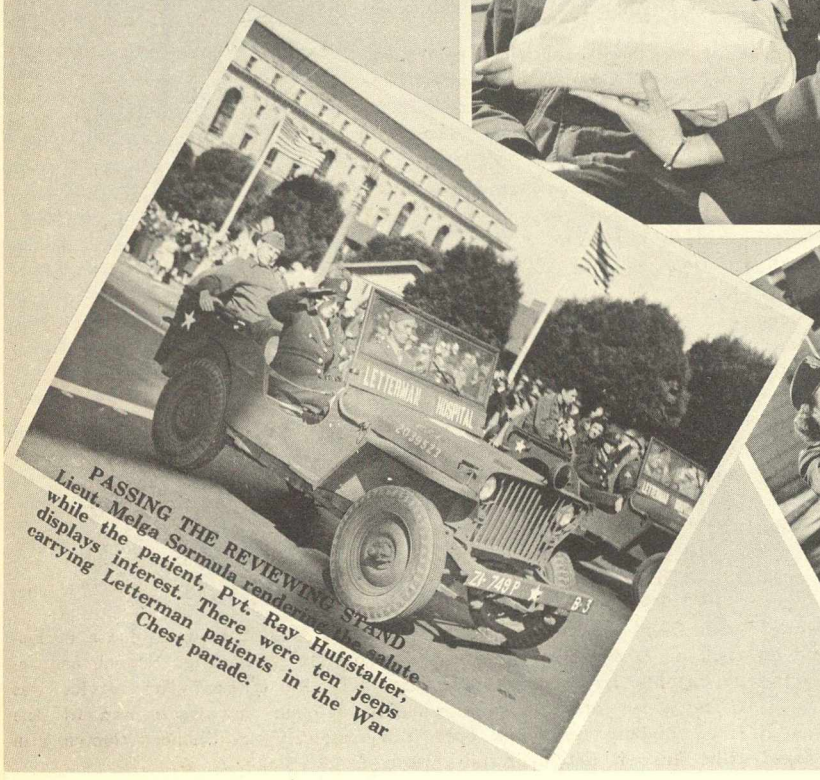
PLEASANT RIDE IN A JEEP
In War Chest Parade—Lieut. Elizabeth Ann Becker ANC, surrounded by L. to R., Pfc. Harry Weispape, Pvt. Weston Hodges, [illegible] ving.



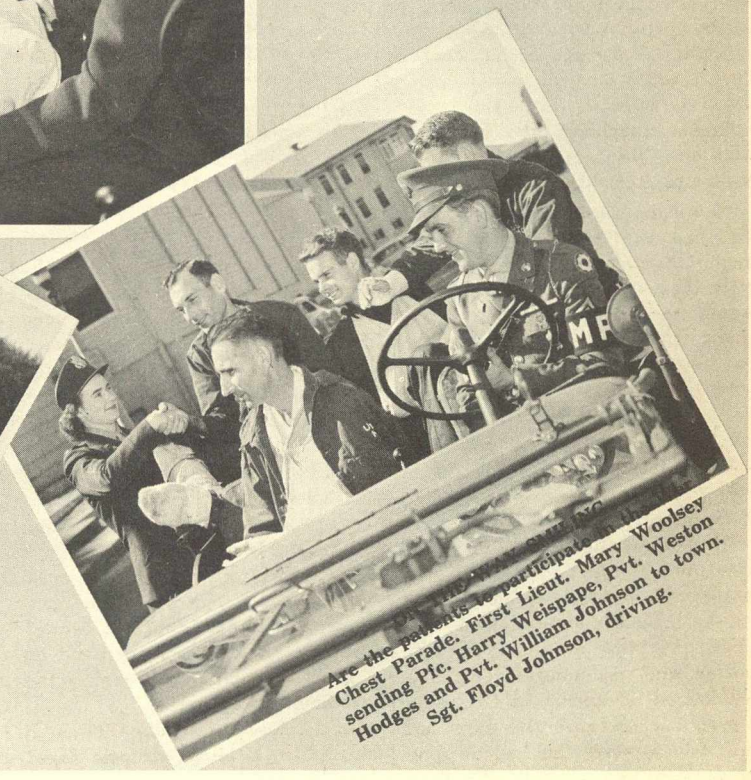
HIGH RANKING ARMY, NAVY OFFICERS
Salute the colors passing the reviewing stand in the War Chest parade. Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General at Letterman, second from right.



HIGH RANKING ATTENTION
For Private Weston Hodges in the War Chest Parade. Capt. Ruth Wagner, ANC, (center) and 1st Lieut. Hamilton, right.



PASSING THE REVIEWING STAND
Lieut. Melga Sormula rendering the salute while the patient, Pvt. Ray Huffstalter, displays interest. There were ten jeeps carrying Letterman patients in the War Chest parade.



Are the patients to participate in the War Chest Parade. First Lieut. Mary Woolsey sending Pfc. Harry Weispape, Pvt. Weston Hodges and Pvt. William Johnson to town. Sgt. Floyd Johnson, driving.

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What Makes Us A Great Nation

In the flood of campaign oratory which will inundate the great American public between now and the general election next month there will be many references to this great nation and why it is great. But campaign oratory is not necessarily based on fact and if we want to know why we are great it is because of the rank and file of our people. The late President Wilson put it in these words:

"When I look back on the processes of history, when I survey the genesis of America, I see this written over every page: that the nations are renewed from the bottom, not from the top; that the genius which springs up from the ranks of unknown men is the genius which renews the youth and energy of the people. Everything I know about history, every bit of experience and observation that has contributed to my thought, has confirmed me in the conviction that the real wisdom of human life is compounded out of the experiences of ordinary men. The utility, the vitality, the fruitage of life does not come from the top to the bottom; it comes, like the natural growth of a great tree, from the soil, up through the trunk into the branches to the foliage and fruit. The great struggling unknown masses of the men who are at the base of everything are the dynamic force that is lifting the levels of society. A nation is as great, and only as great, as her rank and file."



DREAM'S END

The thought which consoled him
Out there in the mud,
As he waited for aid men
Mid trickles of blood,
A presence so easing
To pain in the night;
A picture so pleasing—
A NURSE ALL IN WHITE.

It was tough to be wounded;
Meant leaving the gang.
And it happened so quickly—
A booby trap—bang!
Well, others had got it,
Just part of the fight.
Ere long he'd be seeing
A NURSE ALL IN WHITE.

He found himself happy,
Then humming a tune.
His fighting was over—
Be home very soon.
The corpsmen were gentle
The doctors all right;
But one sight he longed for—
A NURSE ALL IN WHITE.

Then back at the airfield,
A plane standing by.
"Oh, boy, are you lucky?
You're going to fly."
The young nurse was smiling;
He tossed her a frown—
HIS DREAM GIRL WAS WEARING
THAT SEERSUCKER BROWN

War II Nurse Named Commander of Post

HAGERMAN, Idaho (ALNS)—The first woman veteran of World War II to be selected for such a position is Mrs. Helen Abbott Stahlman, who was elected commander of The American Legion post here. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in November, 1942, as Miss Helen Abbott. In June, 1943, she married 1st Lt. Emory T. Stahlman, who is now in the European theatre of operations. She was discharged in August, 1943, and immediately joined the local Legion post. Her activity and interest earned her election to the top office in the post, in which she will serve for the 1944-45 year.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (ALNS)—Old Fort Brown, 97 years old, and with a historic past, is to be discontinued by the Army as a surplus military post, it has been announced.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Major **Peter J. Galante** looking for someone with a box at the opera and spare tickets.

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Captain **Herbert R. Mason** figuring out he will reach the million mark this year in the patients' fund—and he is responsible for it all.

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Major **Melson Barfield - Carter,** Medical Corps—the first female doctor to join station here as a commissioned officer.

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Major **Clement A. Tovares** inquiring for some way to squeeze twenty-six hours into one working day. That is, a good way. He and his staff have been doing it the hard way.

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All our army nurses in seersucker brown stripes. A garment not pictured in Vogue—so far.

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Major **Leslie D. Snyder** going about looking for surplus manpower. None such anywhere.

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Lieut. **Vaughn R. Deranian** pulling a few hundred tickets for the Sunday football game right out of the air. That's his story, and just as good as out of a hat.

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1st Lieut. **Antonia M. Fasenmyer** and 2nd Lieut. **Romey Rasmussen** changing LGH as an address to APO.

Fighting the Bookies, Papers Ban Race News

NEW ORLEANS, La. (ALNS)—Three New Orleans newspapers, the *Times-Picayune,* the *Item,* and the *States,* have climaxed their fight against illegal bookmaking establishments in the city by tossing out of their sports pages all news of horse races that could be of any value to bettors.

1944 Army-Navy Game Strictly Local Affair

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (ALNS)—The Army-Navy football game for 1944 will be strictly a home-town affair, played in this community of 16,000 population. Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal has announced that the sale of tickets will be limited to persons living within ten miles of Annapolis.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, October 8, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600, 0800, 0900, and 1100.
Daily—Mass, 1700
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

OBITUARY

Charles W. Rogers

Sergeant Charles W. Rogers, Medical Department, U. S. Army retired, died at the Dante Annex on Monday of this week at the age of 74.

The sergeant was placed on the retired list on 31 July 1937 after thirty-one years of service, the last sixteen of which had been spent as a member of the detachment at Letterman General Hospital.

Funeral services, under the auspices of the Presidio Lodge F. & A. M., were held at the funeral parlors of Halsted & Company in San Francisco on Wednesday afternoon, and interment with full military honors followed at the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno.

There are no surviving relatives.

Brock Is Benedick

At last that persistent little fellow with the bow and arrow has found the Achilles heel of Staff Sergeant Daniel W. Brock, a thing we thought could never happen. For so long Sergeant Brock has been the invincible and eligible bachelor around the hospital that we began to think carrying a camera constituted some sort of magic amulet against succumbing to marriage. Now we know better.

On Wednesday evening, October 4, he became a benedick. Miss Thella Wilson is the charmer from Roosevelt, Utah, who finally accomplished the downfall of our staunch camera man. The two were married at the home of the aunt and uncle of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickenlooper, in San Francisco. Sergeant Brock's father and mother attended the ceremony. After the honeymoon, the couple will reside on the Presidio.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



RICHARD A. GORESKI
Pvt. Med. Dept.

A very amiable and cooperative soldier is our 'speed demon' Private Richard A. Gorecki—selection for 'Our Buck of This Week.' Pvt. Goreski was born in Farwell, Nebraska, where he received all of his schooling. In 1939, upon completion of his studies, Dick set forth on a journey—to seek his fortune—in the vast states of South Dakota, Wyoming and then finally the 'golden western state' of California. But unlike the Horatio Alger characters, our buck did not find the opportunities for becoming a millionaire very simplified, for while working at a very good job with the government, he was injured and as a result lost the sight from one eye. Shortly after a convalescence period he was inducted into the Army on January of 1942. He experienced the life of 'G.I. Joe' for the first time at Fort MacArthur, where he went through all the preliminaries necessary for becoming a soldier. A little later in the same month Dick was sent here to Letterman where he received his basic training and then was assigned to duty at the motor pool as a mechanic. Then there came the influx of returning veterans from overseas and not enough ward-men to handle the great number of patients. Consequently, members of the medical detachment were transferred to duty on the wards and among them was Pvt. Gorecki.

Since high school days Dick has been enjoying a most unique hobby —that of "hopping up racers"—as he states it, and one of the fastest 'jobs' he ever had went at the rate of 138 miles per hour; which accounts for the introduction as 'speed demon private.' His enthusiasm with this hobby became so intense that he eventually became a contestant in some races in Nebraska.

In addition to the private's hobby of racing, he plays with photography.

The Jap—How He Fights And How to Fight Him

By Camp Newspaper Service

Millions of words of analysis have been written about the Japanese soldier since our war with his nation began. Yet today, despite all these words, he remains an enigma even to those American soldiers who have met him in combat. No one can quite figure him out.

Just what is he like, this bandy-legged, myoptic little man who sells his life so cheaply? How does he fight? What tricks does he play in the jungle? What makes him act the way he does?

Here are some answers to these questions from infantrymen who have fought the Jap and licked him—at Munda, Kwajalein, Attu.

A rifleman: "He has no guts, but he is treacherous as hell. He won't face an American soldier with an M1 rifle, but he'll burrow himself into a hole and stay there a month, sniping at you until you pick him off or dig him out. Then he'll blow himself up with a hand grenade before he'll give up."

An I&R scout: "I met him at Kwajalein. He's a dangerous little monkey, but, shot for shot, GI Joe has got it all over him in nerve, guts and common sense. When the Jap's leaders are gone so is his initiative and he'll crawl into a hole and just wait there for you to close in and get him. He'll try to get you first, however."

A reconnaissance sergeant: "He's kind of stupid, a poor shot, and no match for a Yank, physically, mentally or psychologically. But because he's such a determined, fanatic little ape, you've got to watch him every minute. At Munda, the bayonet fights were few and far between, but when we had them, our soldiers proved to be much the superior."

Rifle squad leader: "I found in the fighting on Kwajalein that the individual Jap soldier is not a good fighting man, especially when he is caught by surprise and doesn't have a chance to get organized."

A platoon guide: "He is a fanatic who will fight to his death and is therefore not to be taken lightly. However, fanaticism is a poor substitute for courage and clear-headed thinking. In many instances Japs attacking our positions made suicidal charges that doomed them from the beginning."

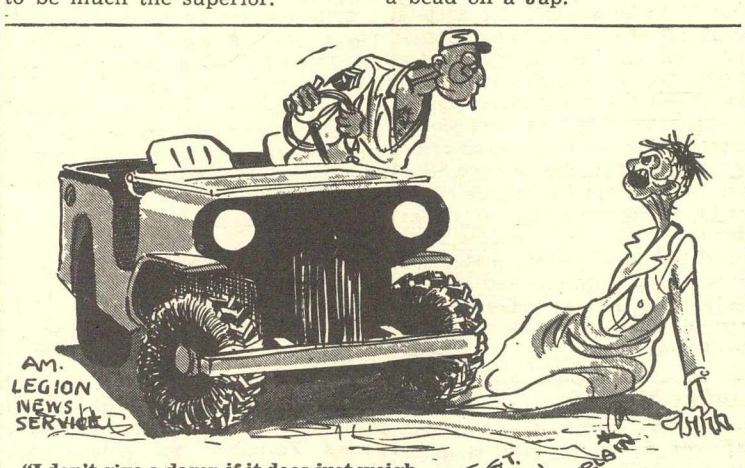
A rifleman: "He's a tricky little weed. I have known him to kill a GI, then take the GI's clothing and sneak into our lines. You can always spot a Jap, however, even in Yank clothing. The way he walks with short, choppy steps and a sort of shuffle always give him dead away."

And now, from these veterans, some advice on how to fight this strange soldier, who hides in trees and shoots at you and then waits there for you to come and kill him.

A demolition private: "In moving from one position to another, move fast, keep low, and hit the ground flat. Don't misuse the rifle. And don't wander off by yourself."

A staff officer: "Memorize your own position, know what your personal objectives are and remember that you're a better fighting man than the Jap. Keep your self confidence."

A rifleman: "Don't get trigger happy when you're fighting the Jap. You're liable as hell to spray some of your own men. In the jungle, fire only when you've got a bead on a Jap."



"I don't give a damn if it does just weigh a quarter ton—Get it off me."

A Contest Cartoon.

ON THE SPOT



JOSEPH G. CURNUTT
Pvt., A. A. F.

'On the spot' this week is Private Joseph G. Curnutt of the Army Air Forces. "I'm just a grease-monkey," says Joe when asked what was the nature of his duties while down in the New Guinea island a short time ago.

Born in Huntington, West Virginia, Joe received all of his education in Beckley of the same state. Like all average high school youths of America, Pvt. Curnutt had aspirations of conquering the football field and proved not too unsuccessful for all his efforts. Upon leaving school he joined the army and then there followed a series of assignments at various camps — Fort Hays, Lowry Field, Kerns Field, Fort Logan, Camp Stoneman, and then from Camp Stoneman—overseas. The ultimate destination was New Guinea. There were no stop-overs while en route and the voyage was a long and tiring one. When the Nabzak port was eventually reached, the work that had to be done was a welcome activity and diversion. Duties in New Guinea were with the 15th Air Depot Group which serviced planes of combat and patrol.

After several months of duty in New Guinea, Joe was among a group of men returned to Townsville in Australia to work on some planes there. One day while riding on a truck, the private lost his balance while traveling along a rustic road and fell off of the truck and injured a foot in the accident. He was hospitalized while receiving treatment for his injury and was subsequently evacuated from one hospital to another, each time getting one step closer to home.

The next evacuation will take Pvt. Curnutt to a hospital within his home state and just 26 miles from his home town.

His postwar plans include a return to school where he will study law. The private is one 'G.I. Joe' who is going to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered by the Army.

MEDICAL DETACH

We bid 'good luck' and farewell to the following men who left the detachment this week: Staff Sergeant James J. Michael; Privates first class Charles L. Garnett, Martin S. Giarrantano, Guy H. Luster Jr., Carroll L. Jones, Carl V. Lucius, Daniel Dyken, Isaac Gadd Jr., and David J. Power. Also Privates Luther M. Byrd and William V. Ream.

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A welcome is extended to Private Charles J. Stout and Technical Sergeant Robert J. McHenry who joined the detachment this week.

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Furloughs were issued this week to the following members of the detachment: T/5th Gr. Charles H. Loyer received 23 days; Privates Erick N. Peterson, Melvin V. Henderson and Daniel B. Meaders—21 days; Privates William J. Knight, Chester D. Williams and Rudolph F. Orth each with 20 days; Privates Marcos M. Alvarado and Marvin G. Looslie with 19 days and Corporal Adolph Noce with 17. Cpl. Henry E. Theiler, and Privates Wong O. Wah, Richard J. Magin, Joe J. Souza, Joe L. Ketner and Thedis E. Barefield received 15 days; S/Sgt. Jack LaVelle—12 days and Privates James A. Cole, Theodore S. Bertozzi and Lloyd H. James each with 10 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz sharpening up his bowling thumb for the coming tournament.

Pvt. Harry A. Agruss experimenting with the disposal of waste paper and getting himself labeled 'arsonist.'

Cpl. Robert L. Colvig getting back that confidential tone in his voice now that Radio Station L G H is a fact—and pretty fancy.

Sgt. Harry Ponerantz striving to keep his balance with that heavy key chain.

T/5th Gr. James Lewis inhaling practically every item of food within sight—the reason our P. X. Grill has to go all out to break even.

T/5th Gr. John Barsocchini once again all smiles as his dog is back from the K-9 corps with an honorable discharge. One fact Barsocchini would like to forget is that his dog was discharged as a T/4th Gr.

HERE'S A GIRL WHO HAS NO GRIPE: LIKES SEERSUCKER IN BROWN STRIPE



1st Lieut. VIRGINIA C. SANDERSON, ANC
Recently returned from Panama

It took a lot of research to find one of the Letterman nurses who felt no aversion to being arrayed in the new brown striped Mother Hubbards which have changed the outward appearance of our angels of mercy so drastically. As these angels are women as well, we can well understand their reluctance to yield up their crisp, white, traditional uniforms for the new version. And while we still personally yearn for the good old days when the visions in white graced the wards and ramps of Letterman, we will have to admit that Lt. Virginia C. Sanderson doesn't do badly even in the stripes. None-the-less, we knew that there must be a reason for even one departure from the universally sad look on the faces of the nurses as they gazed at each other in their new duds. So we set about finding out.

Lt. Sanderson has recently returned from Panama where for a long time the brown seersucker has been standard garb. In Panama, where the laundry facilities were not what they are at this hospital, the uniform was both practical and welcomed. The lieutenant was stationed on the Pacific side of the Canal, and on their time off, the nurses went sight-seeing. And even the hair-raising propensities of brown-striped seersucker fades into insignificance beside the sight of the black,triangular fin of a shark cutting smoothly through the ocean waves. And of what interest are clothes compared to the vision of a log in Gatun Lake suddenly coming to life and swimming away as a crocodile?

During the year and one-half that Lieutenant Sanderson spent in Panama she had many new experiences, among which the gustatory played no small part. She learned how delicious are mangoes and papayas with a bit of lime squeezed on them. She learned that although in its animate form an iguana is not an edifying appearing reptile, cooked it makes a most delicious meal, and that a plantain and a sweet potato run a close race for taste honors.

Lt. Sanderson comes from Greenfield, Massachusetts, where her little sister is still in school, and she entered the army in June of 1941. Her early stations in part prepared her for the heat at the Canal, for she served in Camp Blanding, Florida, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina, before going to Panama. She has been only a week at Letterman, and while we can't offer a fried iguana or crocodiles, we hope the gardens and the hills of the Presidio can in some measure compensate for the thrills left behind in the Canal Zone.

The Stork Was Here

To Captain and Mrs. **James R. Drake,** a daughter, Joan Kay, born 28 September, weight 9 pounds 3 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Ralph N. Olson,** a son, Charles Clifford, born 29 September, weight 5 pounds 13 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Hugh C. Brand,** a son, Stephen Hugh, born 30 September, weight 8 pounds 14 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **Adolph J. Malatesta,** a daughter, Mary Anne, born 30 September, weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Robert P. Archer,** a son, David, born 27 September, weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **James S. Russell,** a son, James Stewart, Jr., born 2 October, weight 7 pounds 13 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Charles J. Lansalotti,** a daughter, Barbara Ann, born 3 October, weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. **Raymond J. Helfman,** a son, Robert Christie, born 29 September, weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Virgil E. Spencer,** a daughter, Dianne Irene, born 2 October, weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Peter P. Walla,** a son, Charles Paul, born 2 October, weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

Springfield, Mass. (CNS) — Charlie Anderson, 7, was incredulous when his father informed him that he had a new baby brother. "Wow!" exclaimed Charlie. "Does mummy know about it?"

St. Louis (CNS) — A waitress served a customer four soft-boiled eggs. Then, enraged when he ate only three, she pelted him with the fourth as he was leaving the table.

What's My Name?

A well known quiz program called "What's My Name" conducted every Thursday morning at 10 in the Recreation Center by Art Linkletter, popular radio star of NBC, makes its appearance this week in the FOG HORN as an educational scheme to keep you informed on world leaders at war.

Test your knowledge. Here's how it's done. You'll be given four clues, each designed to give you a tip as to the identity of the famous war leader whose name you're supposed to guess. If you know the answer after the first clue you are 100 per cent, erudite. The correct answer after the second clue gives you a score of 75 per cent, brilliant. 50 per cent makes you intelligent and 25 percent, average. Check your answer with the correct one on page 8.

Clue No. 1:

I was born 54 years ago on October 14th in Tyler, Texas. I graduated from West Point in 1915 and was a tank instructor in the first World War, ending up as a temporary Lt. Colonel at the age of 28. I had worked up to a permanent Lt. Colonel when I became an acting Colonel in March, 1941. Shortly afterward I made quite a name for myself in the Louisiana maneuvers. What's My Name?

Clue No. 2:

I was made a Brigadier General in September 1941 and 6 months later became a Major General due mostly to the showing of my army in the maneuvers. My philosophy is summed up pretty well by my own words: "You can't hit a home run bunting; you have to step up there and take a cut at the ball." What's My Name?

Clue No. 3:

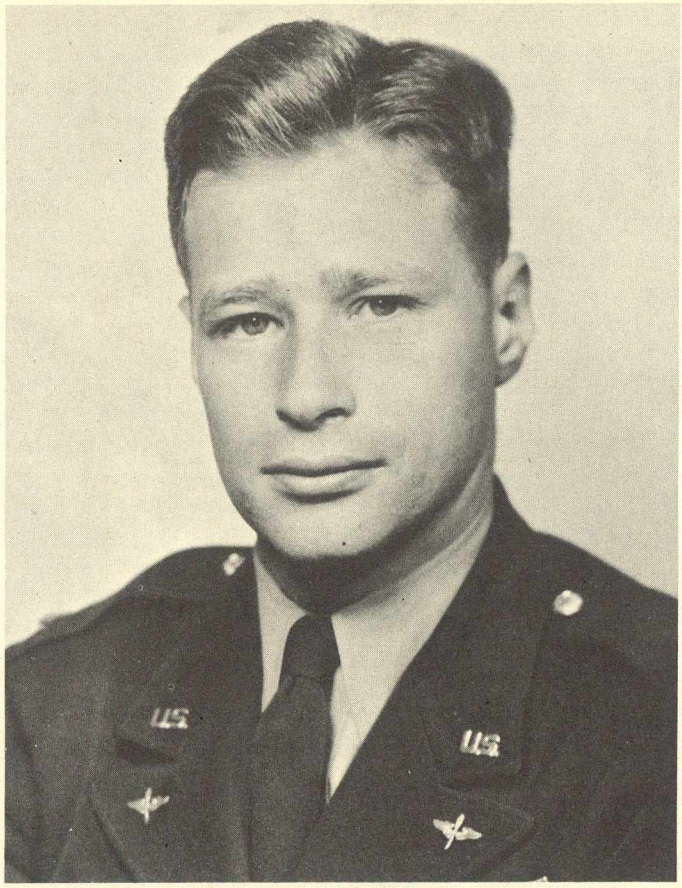
It took me just four months to move from Major General to Lieutenant General, which I became in June 1942.

According to family history my forbears fled from Germany to Switzerland in the 17th century to escape persecution and they migrated to America in 1750. According to the original spelling my last name in translation means "Iron Striker." What's My Name?

Clue No. 4:

I had five promotions in just two years and I'm now a four star General. The North African Campaign in November 1942 was my first operation under fire. Now I'm Chief of the Allied Operations in the European Theater of War. What's My Name?

ARMY AIR FORCES ASSIGN LIAISON OFFICER TO DUTY AT LETTERMAN



1st Lieut. LESLIE HEITEL, AAF
Personal Affairs Officer for Air Forces Personnel

That up and coming component of the armed services—the Army Air Forces—is pioneering again and this time in the very important element of human relations. It is the latest effort to evidence interest in all that pertains to the men of that organization—a Personal Affairs Officer is to be stationed at every general hospital.

The officer assigned to that duty at Letterman is 1st Lieut. Leslie Heitel, AAF, himself a wounded veteran. The lieutenant is a New Yorker, a former student at Dartmouth University, who became a soldier by way of the National Guard of his home state. He joined as a private in the well known 165th Infantry in 1940 and two years later transferred to the Air Forces. Completing the usual training courses he was not long in getting into combat with the famous "Jolly Rogers"—the bombardment group which merited national attention when written up in LIFE.

Lieut. Heitel was shot down in Wewak in August 1943. Lost a leg, and then began his tour of the hospital chains which makes him an authority on how a man feels during a long hospitalization. It is easy for the lieutenant to put himself in the place of the patient who is seeking counsel.

These Personal Affairs Officers are members of the AAF Personnel Distribution Command, with headquarters at Atlantic City, New Jersey. All unassigned Air Force personnel are subject to the jurisdiction of that command and it is the job of the Air Force Liaison Officer—the technical title of the Personal Affairs Officer—to establish and maintain contact with all Air Force personnel.

One of the important duties of the liaison officer is to look after the attached personnel from other branches and services. In the past many of these have been "lost" to the Air Forces during the periods of hospitalization and it is the ambition of the AAF to bring them all back to the fold and keep them members of a happy family.

Every problem that perplexes a member of the AAF is a potential job for the Liaison Officer. All questions propounded by the sometimes bewildered patients will be answered if there is an answer.

Lieut. Heitel is now ready to go to work at Letterman and announcement will be made of the location of his office. Technical Sergeant Robert McHenry, a native of San Francisco, will assist the lieutenant in this work.

If you wear wings they want to meet you.

Tax Refund Due Many in Service

Article Tells How to Get Income Tax Payments Returned to You

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ALNS)—In an article appearing in the September issue of *The National Legionnaire,* Robert D. Ross, author of the "Soldiers' Tax Guide," says that several thousands of the persons in the armed forces are entitled to a tax refund from the government. This applies to any person who was in service at any time in 1942 and 1943, who (1) paid anything on his 1942 income tax, or (2) had any money withheld for taxes by a civilian employer during 1943.

In most of these cases, says Ross, the full amount paid or withheld will be refunded if a proper claim is made.

Service persons affected are advised to see their unit commander, who will tell them whether there is anyone in the outfit who can qualify as a tax expert. Or visit an internal revenue office if one is nearby, and a deputy will advise you. If overseas, ask your relatives at home to take the matter up.

Use Walkie-Talkie And Keep Head Down

FT. MONMOUTH, N. J. (ALNS)—A new walkie-talkie being provided by the Signal Corps will be a boon when used in actual battle areas. It has no "squeal," as did its predecessor, has a greater transmitting range, an extra gooseneck antenna which permits the user to remain inconspicuous while lying on the ground or in a foxhole, and is water-resisting and fungus-resisting.

Inquiring Line

Q. My wife writes that she's going to enlist in the women's reserve of the Marine Corps. Isn't there some restriction against married women enlisting in that reserve if her husband's in the Army?

A. No. Married women are eligible to enlist in the women's reserve of the Marine Corps as long as they are not married to a Marine and do not have any children under 18.

Q. Will you please tell me what insignia may be worn by a veteran of the last war who served in the U. S. Naval Reserve in 1918-19, and who is now serving in the U. S. Army? Also, if allowed to wear any decoration for this service, where can I obtain it?

A. You're entitled to wear the Victory ribbon, and can get it at any authorized store that sells military decorations.

Q. Can you tell me why there never is a Company "J"?

A. "I" and "J" are too similar in appearance, so "J" has been eliminated.

Q. Do enlisted men in the Army receive a $10 increase in their salary after 12 months of service?

A. No. Before the pay of enlisted men was increased last summer, they did receive an additional $10 after a year's service. This practice was abolished by the same measure which granted the general pay increase.

Q. I've taken out war insurance for $2,000 and named my father as beneficiary. If I'm killed in action, does my father receive any other insurance from the Government and, if so, can he get it in one lump sum?

A. Your father will receive only the amount of insurance that you have taken out. However, if he was dependent upon you for support, he may receive a monthly pension from the Government, in addition to his insurance benefits, which also will be paid only in monthly installments.

Q. Did Nazi General Rommel ever visit the U. S.?

A. Yes. He visited the U. S. once and studied the military tactics of Confederate General "Stonewall" Jackson on the actual battlegrounds of the Civil War.

Q. I am the father of an illegitimate child. Can my child, even though illegitimate, receive an allowance from the Government under the Servicemen's Dependents Act?

A. Your illegitimate child will be considered a Class A dependent only if you have been judicially ordered or decreed to contribute to the child's support; or you have judicially decreed to be the putative father of the child; or you have acknowledged under oath in writing that you are the father of the child.

Words Kill Servicemen



Signal Corps Photo through CNS

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

For week of October 9th to 16th

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
"Hi Fellers" U.S.O. Camp Show No. 11	SSO 1900	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	SSO 1400	Wards
Kay Kayser & Co.	SSO 1430	Patio
Bingo Game	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—		
ATC Band From Hamilton Field	SSO 1400	Patio
Added attraction "Gabby" Hayes, Western Picture Star	SSO 1400	Wards
THURSDAY—		
Ping Pong Tournament	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	SSO 1400	Wards
"County Fair" (Party) Gals-Games-Goodies	ARC 1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—		
Make A Talking Record	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
Classical Records		
SUNDAY—		
Musical Program	ARC 1330	Rec. Hall

Female Marine Of 1812 Was A Real Scrapper

By Camp Newspaper Service

Female Marine Lucy Brewer, a spirited lass who served three years during the War of 1812 might be a patron saint for the new women's section of the Leathernecks.

There wasn't any auxiliary service in those days so Lucy had to don male apparel and somehow pass a physical examination as a boy. No one discovered her deception for under the name "Pvt. George Baker" she was enrolled as a fighting leatherneck and served aboard the frigate "Constitution."

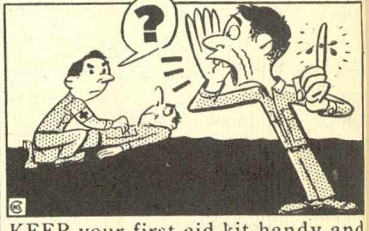
Years later after she had been honorably discharged and settled down as a New York housewife Lucy told of her experiences in a book called "The Female Marine" — not recommended as a handbook for Uncle Sam's new girl Marines. In it Lucy tells of her narrowest escape.

During a battle off the coast of Brazil she fell overboard and was rescued in a state of unconsciousness. As she lay on the deck her clothes were being removed by some of her shipmates to make way for a dry uniform. Detection of the brave girl's ruse seemed imminent but according to Lucy "They had nearly divested me of my outer garments when I mustered enough strength to tell them I felt able to change clothes myself."

Being a female Marine in 1812 was far more complicated than it is today.



BE sure to give your feet the good attention they deserve. Treat blisters and sores at the first opportunity so they won't cause you more trouble.



KEEP your first aid kit handy and ready for use. All wounds, even the slightest scratch, should be treated as soon as possible.

Here is the answer to this week's What's My Name Quiz:

General Eisenhower.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Air Evacuation of Overseas Wounded Commonplace Today

The evacuation of patients by air transport from the far flung battle grounds of the Pacific islands has been in operation for some time but it was restricted so far as publicity is concerned until this week when the gentlemen of the press were invited over to Hamilton Field to have a closeup view of the wounded arriving from overseas, and then authorized to tell the world about it.

According to information released at Hamilton Field, the first air evacuation of war wounded was made in December of last year and since that time the service has been improved to a degree that makes comparison with train schedules quite in order. The planes come in with a regularity that is amazing to those who are not familiar with the work of the Air Transport Command.

The cases brought in are those of a serious nature in which the time element in treatment is important, and in every instance are approved for air evacuation by flight surgeons detailed to the overseas base hospitals. To date not a patient has been lost en route by air.

The air evacuation planes are equipped to carry twenty-four patients and are staffed with a flight nurse and a sergeant who is a specially trained medical technician. Only on occasions where for some reason his presence is required does a medical officer accompany a flight.

Colonel Andrew Smith, commanding officer at Hamilton Field Regional Hospital, stated that nearly fourteen hundred wounded were flown in last month and he is prepared to handle even greater numbers in the immediate future.



Colonel HUMPHREY N. ERVIN, M. C.

Colonel Ervin Moves To Indiana

Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin, Medical Corps, who has been the Commandant of the Enlisted Technicians School for the past three and a half years, left Letterman on Tuesday for his new station at Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, where he will assume command of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School.

Colonel Ervin organized the Letterman Schools and in addition to training more than three thousand enlisted technicians he developed a corps of instructors who established a high reputation throughout the Medical Department. The graduates are now in all parts of the world wherever our troops are in service, and their work reflects great credit on the commandant and his staff.

The Colonel is an officer of the regular army and in his twenty eight years of service he has been stationed in many posts in this country and in our foreign possessions.

Big Name Visiting Celebrities Here This Week

The Sherlock Holmes of this day and age and his friend and colleague Dr. Watson were visitors to Letterman on Sunday last. To millions of radio listeners and movie fans are no longer known as Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce, but they came to us under their own names. With them was Sir C. Aubrey Smith, star of stage and screen, and likewise known to countless thousands for parts he has played in his long career.

Mr. Rathbone made the rounds on several wards while Sir Aubrey and Mr. Bruce bogged down in one for what proved to be a delightful hour with the fortunate patients. Mr. Bruce pleaded that a fragment of a shell he stopped in the last war is still with him in its effects and he is no more the distance runner he used to be.

On Wednesday afternoon in the Recreation Center the patients were treated to a program headed by George "Gabby" Hayes, the cowboy comedian who has appeared in more than one hundred western films. A trio of very attractive young ladies wearing the uniforms of the USO took the stage and told of their recent tour of the Central Pacific islands. They were Misses Dorothy Fay, of Prescott, Ariz., Jane Patton, of Seattle, Wash., and Martha Shaw, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The very fine band from the ATC at Hamilton Field, under the baton of Sgt. Joseph Stabile, furnished the musical accompaniment for the entertainers and gave forth with some of their own arrangements of the popular hits of the day.

The visiting players were here under the auspices of the Victory Committee, USO Camp Shows, of Beverly Hills, Calif.

PIONEER HOSPITAL TRAIN WORKER TELLS OF HER FIRST TRIP

Miss Helen Torkelsen, Red Cross Hospital Train Worker, is the pioneer in that field in this area. She is a resident of Salt Lake, and a graduate of the University of Utah. Was a commercial artist before enrolling for Red Cross Service. Her report on the first trip is given below—as she submitted it.

"I, Helen Horkelson, Hospital Train Worker, American Red Cross, submit herewith a summary of activities, observations and inspirations encountered on: TRIP No. 1: Destination— ....., Georgia. Duration—5 (five) days.

The Train Commander jumped gun! Train scheduled to leave at 11:30. I arrived at 11:00 to see last car easing out of Crissey Field . . . into the fog. The hollow feeling I experienced reached down to my socks. Fortunately, a staff car was available, and I caught the train at 3rd and Townsend. The Red Cross was practically NOT at his side . . . I was located in Car No. 2. First, all supplies were assembled neatly in the vestibule. I spoke with the Train Commander as to rest periods, lights out, etc. I was informed that I should be allowed to go into all cars at any hour of the day, until 9:30 p.m. . . . lights out. I found that the patients were, for the most part, in excellent spirits, in proportion to their condition, and they thought Red Cross was really on the ball. I distributed cigarettes to all patients first thing in the morning, and after noon chow. I found it wise to leave a carton of matches with the corpsman in charge of each car, rather than to distribute matches to individuals.

Cards, maps, reading material and stationery were also distributed. Requests for comfort articles were filled during the morning. Slippers were in great demand, and my supply was gone almost immediately. It seemed wise to apportion reading material to each car for the day, and leave it with the corpsman in charge. This, supplemented by distribution of daily newspapers and current magazines, provided an adequate amount of reading matter. However, there is a great demand for current Life, Time, Readers Digest, Newsweek, Look, Click, Colliers and Sat. Eve. Post. Westerns, comic books and national geographics of any date are popular. The supply must be varied to meet the tastes of individuals . . . a major



Miss HELEN TORKELSEN

Hospital Train Recreation Worker assigned by American Red Cross to lighten the long train trips to inland hospitals.

spent the entire five days improving his mind with the latest editions of Superman . . . a private, upon seeing the comic books, inquired as to what type of intellect I thought I was dealing with . . . On the first evening, a community sing was held in every car. For their stupendous vocal effort, chocolate chews were distributed through kindness of Southern Pacific. Requests for candy were overwhelming. Upon arrival at North Platte all ambulatory patients were filled with cake, candy, cookies, fried chicken, sandwiches, stuffed eggs, fruit, hot coffee, milk . . . the works. It was a gorgeous sight. A large basket of the same was placed on each car for the men who could not leave. Requests for candy continued to mount as we pursued our journey, so upon arrival at St. Louis, boxes of Milky Ways and Mars candy bars were secured from the local Red Cross. Cookies were supplied by the USO Canteen in the station. All this was received by the men with a great amount of joy. and gratitude.

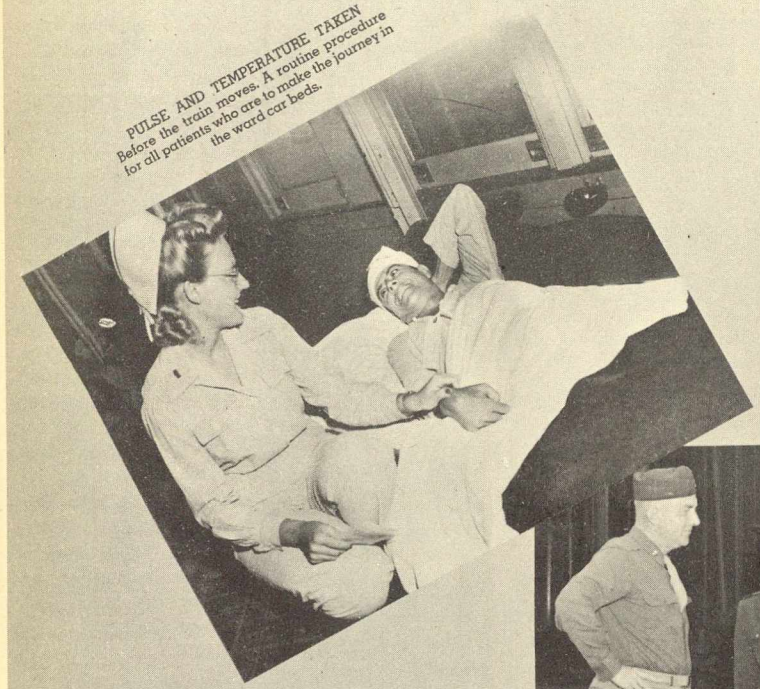
The community sings were very successful in every car. Each night, right after chow, at the request of patients, nurses and corpsmen, I covered the train, remaining in each car for approximately one-half hour. The men were very enthusiastic. They sang "I've Been Working On The Railroad" when the conductor came through while we were singing, and one of the conductors told the men some wonderful fish stories in return. Checker players were many . . . chess players few. Poker, casino, cribbage and hearts were favored. Prepared "Advertising Slogans," "Trademarks," and "Names in the News" tests to be filled in, proved fairly popular. However, simplicity is the keynote. The men don't wish to become too involved, for there is always the good old U.S.A. to look at, plus the excitement and nervousness about going home.

A record player was on the train. It had been placed there at Stark General Hospital in Charleston. This meant a great deal to the men. They love sweets and music best at this point, it seems. Music is awfully important in keeping morale at a high level . . . it hath charm to sooth the troubled G. I. I was amazed to find a melancholy rendition of "Song of the Islands" to be the most requested record; and some of the ambulatory patients swing a wicked hip in displaying their versions of the hula. I read some palms and displayed a few tricks, which started the ball rolling. Some of the boys kept entire cars entertained with the most wonderful tricks they'd learned overseas. Quizzes were rather out of the question, in this instance, due to the noise of the train. However, the men were sufficiently entertained without this addition. I had some good snappy quizzes in my supplies, in the event they could be used.

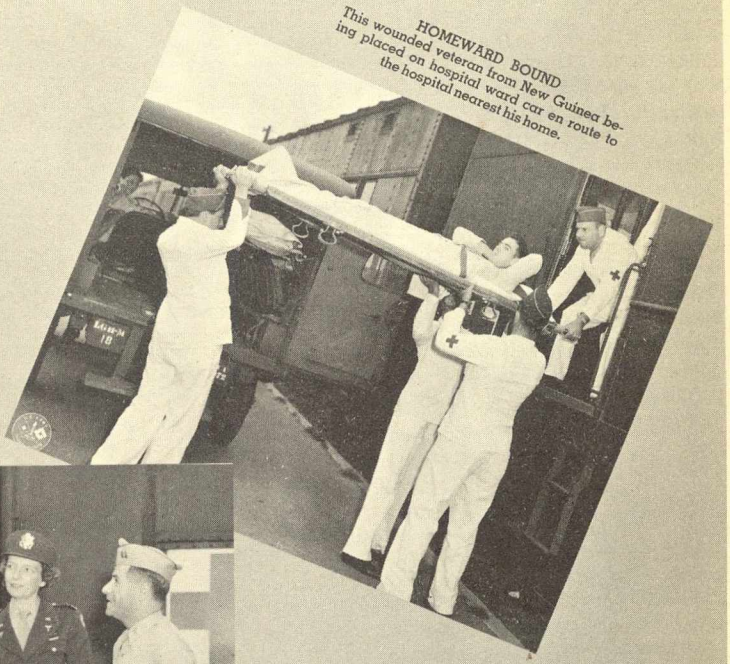
On Tuesday night, a negro Pfc. sitting up on a top bunk had just sounded the last note of "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey" . . . with a caramel in his mouth and a light in his eyes he grinned, "Man, if this isn't the BEST Red Cross I EVAH did see!" . . . Wednesday morning I wrote a letter to a girl . . . for a boy with a broken neck . . . he gave me an Australian penny. Thursday I sewed a patch on a field jacket . . . and mended a pocket for a corpsman . . . Friday I talked to a "malaria boy" while he was getting over a chill . . . Saturday night I said "so long" to a swell bunch of guys . . . "Don't thank me, man . . . I'm the one who should be thanking you . . . and that's for DAMN sure" . . . When I arrived in ..... I did not look exactly like what-the-well-dressed - Red - Cross - Hospital - Train - Worker - will - wear. Five days without a bath is not conductive to good grooming—and my feet felt as if I'd walked all the way from San Francisco. But when the fellows call you "Angel" . . . and the nurses and corpsmen thank you sincerely for being along, you sort of forget all about the dirt and sad feet . . . even Georgia looks good (with apologies from a Yankee) . . . In passing through Montgomery, Alabama, enroute to New Orleans, I contacted the AFD at Maxwell Field. He suggested I try getting a hop out of Maxwell Field on an army ship. This I did. I flew out of Maxwell in a C-56 to Forth Worth, and from there to Alameda in a navy transport, by way of San

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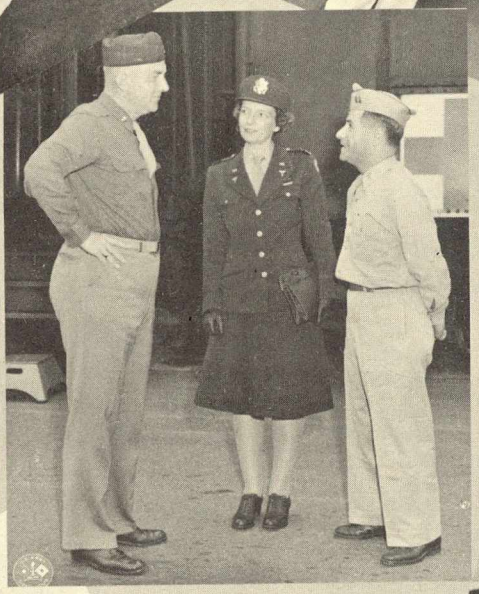
HOSPITAL TRAINS IN OPERATION TO ALL PARTS OF U. S.



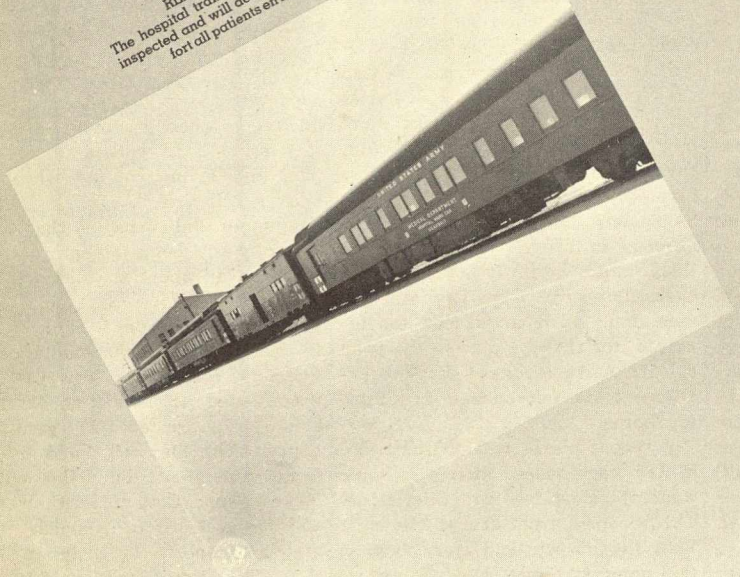
PULSE AND TEMPERATURE TAKEN
Before the train moves. A routine procedure for all patients who are to make the journey in the ward car beds.



HOMEWARD BOUND
This wounded veteran from New Guinea being placed on hospital ward car en route to the hospital nearest his home.



THE FINAL BRIEFING
The Commanding Officer, Major Algot R. Nelson; the Principal Chief Nurse, Captain Mary M. Steppan; and Captain Louis M. Lieberman, Train Commander, discuss final details in connection with train trip.



READY FOR LOADING
The hospital train has been assembled and inspected and will deliver safely and in comfort all patients en route inland.



AMBULATORY PATIENTS
being checked and placed on train before starting for homeward journey.

THE FOG HORN

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Recognition

To us of the Medical Department on duty at this hospital frequently comes the satisfaction of hearing what our men are doing on the field of battle. They bear no arms against the enemy but are to be found where the fighting is thickest and where their need is urgent.

Patient after patient returning here for further treatment give unlimited praise to our "medics"—as they are termed—for the bravery demonstrated by the Medical Department enlisted men in bringing back the wounded from the front lines. Often it is the first aid administered on the spot which makes it possible for a casualty to be carried back to the hospital. It is not uncommon for the "medic" to become a casualty himself while helping others.

Lately we have been seeing many of our returning patients wearing the Combat Infantry Badge. It is the reward for excellent performance of duty under combat conditions. It is highly prized by the men who wear the badge. It is official recognition for what they have done for their country.

The medical corpsman is rendering a duty of high excellence in the work allotted to him. He is out there in combat, unrestrained by any thought of his own safety, and doing a splendid job of saving life by his quiet heroism.

We believe the doughboys would vote unanimously to give the "medic" a combat badge.

We hope the "powers that be" may be moved to consider the matter and give to our corpsmen some tangible recognition for their unselfish service.



Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to **1st Lieutenant Olga Dorosh** who was hospitalized during the past week.

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1st Lieut. Shirley R. Timewell makes a report on her cadet nurses and proudly announces that **Miss Evelyn R. Esola** is ready to take her State Board examination and will soon become a real ANC.

Also reported—four new cadets who reported for duty early this week were: **Betty J. Spry** from the Stanford University School of Nursing; **Claudina Villa,** Providence Hospital in Oakland; **Nadine Foster,** Santa Clara County Hospital in San Jose and **Norma J. Young** from Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco.

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Our operative reports that **"Henry," Lieutenant Lillian Girarde's** pride and joy, has been roaming the drives around the hospital the past few days. Henry now shares his new quarters with a pigeon roost, so he won't be too lonely when the lieutenant takes another jaunt cross country.

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1st Lieut. **Shirley R. Timewell** and 2nd Lieut. **Evelyn N. Barbier** were hostesses at the Army Navy Club on Wednesday night of last week. And visiting the club on that same evening were 1st Lieut. **Dorothy B. Conner** and **Elizabeth E. Foster** with two guests.

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Lieutenants **Mary Ann Tonne** and **Dorothy J. Fryer,** formerly of the LGH nursing staff, moved to 1960th train unit. Now they have moved again and still remain neighborly with Letterman since they have been assigned to duty at Dante—the LGH Annex.

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A hearty welcome is extended to Second Lieutenants **Betty Jo Sands** and **Florence J. Woods** who joined the nursing staff this week from Fort Lewis, Washington.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Lieut. Col. **Oscar F. Nolan** and Sgt. **Lew Villa** deep in conference. The duck season opens on the 15th.

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Major **Lemuel R. Williams,** detachment commander, on one of his now rare visits to the "Front Office."

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1st Lieut. **Ruth E. Velleskey** celebrating her ——th birthday writing to her four brothers.

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The new reading room on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building. Bring your own reading matter.

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The Control Officer viewing the manpower situation through the haze of smoke from his favorite pipe.

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Sgt. **Caesar Micheletti** assuring Sgt. **Herbert Goldstein** that Columbus Day is an American holiday.

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Sgt. **August J. Piette** playing one "on the nose" and having the nag win by that much at 73 to 2.

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Colonel **Floyd L. Wergeland** here from Washington. To officiate at the obsequies of the Schools?

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St. Sgt. **William R. Mathias** running the Finance Office these days and balancing accounts to the penny.

Philosopher

Corporal Robert L. Colvig is an unusually good man to have around an office. Despite the additional duties impaled on him when the Special Services, Personal Affairs, Insurance, and War Bonds became part of the Information and Educational branch, he keeps plugging away and always wears a smile.

A visitor asked him one day: "Corporal, with all of these different questions being tossed at you on so many different matters, and so many gripes being registered because someone else fell down on the job, how do you manage to keep that smile in operation?"

"Well," he replied, "I just put my mind in neutral and most problems solve themselves in time."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR
Sunday, October 15, 1944
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600, 0800, 0900, and 1100.
Daily—Mass, 1700
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Arrived

At the Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley, California, on 9 September 1944, Karen Noel Anderson, 8 pounds 4 ounces, daughter of Lieut. and Mrs. Noel Anderson. Both parents are former Lettermanites and the mother was Lieut. Barbara Walker, A.N.C.

Lieut. Anderson is "somewhere in Europe" and up to the last letter he had not received the news.

Mission Hi Girls Come Back With More Gifts

The students of Mission High School of San Francisco sent a committee representing the school to Letterman on Tuesday to leave one hundred gift packages for the war wounded patients at this hospital.

The students, under the direction of Mrs. Florence Millikin, have been demonstrating their interest in our sick and wounded for more than a year and every month we receive a hundred or more packages.

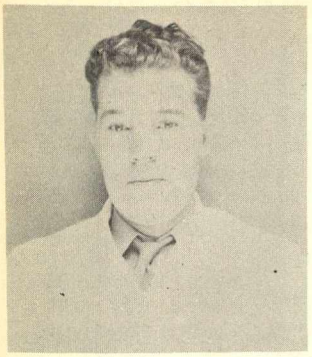
Accompanying Mrs. Millikin on the committee were Josephine Skitarelic, of the senior class, and Lola Mauldin and Shirley Mason, of the junior class.

We wish the committee and the students to know their generosity is deeply appreciated.

Basketball

The Special Services Officer is making plans to enter teams from Letterman in a basket ball league to be formed for the coming season. Candidates for the teams are invited to see the Special Services Officer. The first work out is scheduled for Thursday 19 October and games will start on 1 December.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



JOHN S. ROBOKOFF
Pvt., Med. Det.

A veteran of the Africa and Italy campaigns is Pvt. John S. Robokoff, selection for 'buck of this week,' who was drafted into the Army in December of 1941. He received his basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois, and then was assigned to a medical unit attached to the 19th Engineer Corps in Pasadena, California, and with this unit he embarked for overseas from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

Ireland, England and Scotland were stop-over spots before the ultimate destination in Africa was reached. And just a short time after arrival there, during the battles of French Morocco and Tunisia, 'our buck' and two companions on duty, were riding in a jeep. They ran into a land mine, laid by the enemy during their retreat and as a result of the explosion, the three men were seriously injured. Seven months of hospitalization followed and shortly after recovery the private was sent back to join his outfit—then in Italy. Bitter battles followed and John with his medical unit were kept very busy. After Cassino the unit reached Anzio. While in Anzio replacements arrived and John was relieved from his duties 'over there' along with other men, under the rotation plan, for a well-deserved rest. "Then," said Pvt. Robokoff, "I had 21 days of freedom in which I could do just as I pleased!"

John was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he received all of his education and then took a course at a Trade School. When his schooling was completed, the private secured a position as a salesman in a department store. He quit this job to follow the line of work which he studied for at the trade school. He remained with this work until he was drafted into the army.

BAY MEADOWS GIVES $1,846,459.00

Wide Distribution Made to War Agencies From Funds Obtained At Spring Meeting, 1944

Distribution of War Relief funds to service agencies for Spring meeting, 1944 season, Bay Meadows, follows:

Veterans Rehabilitation Foundation	$65,097.12
Dibble General Hospital	10,000.00
Birmingham Hospital, Van Nuys	7,500.00
U. S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro	10,000.00
U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland	10,000.00
U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island	10,000.00
Fleet Hospital 113	10,000.00
U. S. Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll	15,000.00
Treasure Island Welfare Fund	10,000.00
12th Naval District Naval Aid Auxiliary	5,000.00
U. S. N. Utility Squadron 14	1,000.00
U. S. N. Utility Squadron 17	1,000.00
U. S. N. Casualty Squadron 54	1,000.00
Office of Naval Procurement	1,000.00
U. S. S. Howard W. Gilmore Welfare	2,500.00
Mills Memorial Hospital	5,000.00
Veterans Home, Yountville	2,500.00
Infantile Paralysis Foundation	10,000.00
Calif. Amer. Legion Veterans Home and Farm Committee	22,500.00
U. S. Marine Corps, Semper Fidelis Fund	10,000.00
Suisun-Fairfield AAF Field Recreation Fund	10,000.00
McClellan Field Recreation Fund	20,000.00
Air Service Command, Fresno (Recreation Fund)	10,000.00
Southern Security District—Ninth Service Command	5,000.00
Spokane AAF Special Services	10,000.00
Entertainment, Wounded Service Men	9,500.00
Camp Cook Recreation and Athletic Fund	2,500.00
American Merchant Marine Library Association	5,000.00
U. S. Merchant Marine Training School, San Mateo	5,000.00
All Pacific Recreation Fund	5,000.00
Service Athletic Fund of Northern California, Inc.	5,000.00
American Red Cross, Redwood City and San Mateo Co. jointly	20,000.00
American Red Cross, Stockton	2,500.00
A. W. V. S., San Francisco	10,000.00
A. W. V. S., Santa Barbara	10,000.00
California Breeders' Assn.	41,500.00
California Turf Foundation	42,000.00
Alameda County War Welfare Fund	20,000.00
San Francisco County War Welfare Fund	20,000.00
Santa Clara County War Welfare Fund	20,000.00
San Mateo County War Welfare Fund	20,000.00
Solano County War Welfare Fund	10,000.00
Contra Costa County War Welfare Fund	10,000.00
Oakland Tribune War Effort Fund	5,000.00
W. R. Hearst War Wounded Xmas Fund	20,000.00
Charley Paddock Memorial Fund	7,500.00
S. F. Chronicle War Effort Fund	7,500.00
San Mateo Newspaper War Effort Fund	5,000.00
San Jose News War Effort Fund	5,000.00
S. F. Aerie Eagles' War Welfare Fund	10,000.00
The Salvation Army, San Francisco	5,000.00
National Assn. Advancement for Blind (Seeing Eye Dogs)	2,500.00
National Federation of Blind	2,500.00
San Mateo Sheriff's Posse War Welfare Fund	5,000.00
Old St. Mary's Service Center	5,000.00
Loyola University War Welfare Fund	5,000.00
St. John's Military Academy, War Welfare Fund	1,000.00
St. Joseph's Church War Welfare Fund, San Francisco	5,000.00
Miscellaneous donations under $1,000.00	2,650.00
Naval Aid Auxiliary, 12th Naval District	30,000.00
Muroc Army Air Base, Muroc, Calif.	5,000.00
Salinas Army Air Base, Salinas, Calif.	5,000.00
Overseas Air Service Command, Oakland, Calif.	5,000.00
Judge Wm. F. Byrne, trustee for the Catholic War Activities, Los Angeles, Calif.	5,000.00
Camp Tanforan Naval Base, San Bruno, Calif.	5,000.00
Hammond Army General Hospital, Modesto, Calif.	5,000.00
Moffett Field Naval Air Station Welfare Fund	5,000.00
Dibble General Hospital Welfare Fund	5,000.00
TOTAL, SPRING 1944 MEETING	$ 685,747.12

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PREVIOUS MEETINGS (War Relief)	$1,160,712.71
TOTAL TO WAR RELIEF TO DATE (from Bay Meadows)	$1,846,459.83

ON THE SPOT



WILEY D. GRAY
Sgt., Infantry, Unassigned

'On the spot' this week is tall, 23-year-old Sergeant Wiley D. Gray of Ocilla, Georgia, who was a machine-gun squad leader with an Infantry Division in the campaign which left few live Japs in the jungles of northeastern New Guinea.

After telling at length of the difficulties involved during the bloodiest contact with the Japs at Aitape, Sgt. Gray finally spoke of his experience when a rain of Jap bullets started kicking up the dirt at his feet: He hit a hole under a log and stayed pinned down under one of the Japs' principal targets. "We had a machinegun position at the end of the log," he continued, "and the Jap machineguns and knee mortars were concentrated on that spot. Bark and dirt showered in on me for half an hour.

"When the fire eased up after dark, I was able to get out and felt a lot more comfortable. But I had no reason to feel that way. I was going around getting my men placed in defensive positions when a stray Jap rifle bullet caught me in the foot. I know it was too dark for a rifleman to have seen me—but the stray bullet still cost me my left foot."

A medical aid man who started for his side was killed by a rifle bullet, the sergeant said, and it was nine hours after he was wounded before the medics were able to get him out to the field hospital.

"The medics are a great bunch," he said earnestly. "I believe they have more casualties in proportion to their numbers than any other branch of service. They take more chances."

Sgt. Gray, who was inducted July 21, 1942, received his basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Croft, S. C.

MEDICAL DETACH

Greetings to T/Sgt. Charley T. Ellis and S/Sgt. Raymond C. Schultz who joined the detachment this week.

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Good luck to Pvt. Sherman H. Robinson who left the command this week.

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Lucky GIs this week—receiving furloughs were: Privates Luther Berry and Raymond Seidenburg who each received 23 days; Pvt. Bud Schofield, 21 days; Cpl. Gordon L. Lockwood, 19 days; T/4th Gr. John R. Davis with 17 days and Sgt. Robert J. Harrington and Cpl. Julius Robbins each with 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

The bright and broad beam on Sgt. August "Gus the barber" Piette's face last Saturday when he came back from the local jockey club—ahead for the first time.

Pvt. Benjamin 'Brooklyn' Weitz consuming hot dogs at the local PX Grill faster than Cpl. Isadore Lanfranco can cook them.

Sgt. Edward C. Vicary's new device to cover his ears when listening to G. I. gossip.

Cpl. Warren Altman saying "He weighs eight pounds and looks just like me," after returning from furlough and seeing his baby son for the first time.

S/Sgt. George Devine back for a visit and looking mighty trim. Must be that outdoor life.

Sgt. John Ryan and staff working like beavers to get those Christmas packages out for our men overseas.

S/Sgt. Henry (Lucky) Smith instructing our cadet nurses in the rudiments of proper pedal propulsion.

Add surprise of the season: Sgt. Willie Dean picking the right team in the latest world series. First time, too.

Name New Frigates To Honor Generals

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—The Navy has honored two top-ranking generals of the Army by naming frigates after their home towns. The USS *Uniontown* honors Gen. George C. Marshall's home, and the USS *Gladwyne* does the same for Gen. H. H. Arnold. Both cities are in Pennsylvania.

FORMER LETTERMAN LIEUTENANT IS NOW CAPTAIN OF TRAIN NURSES UNIT



Captain MARY M. STEPPAN, ANC
Principal Chief Nurse, SCU 1960

The young lady who is responsible for the staffing of the hospital trains with personnel of the Army Nurse Corps for the long journeys across the continent to inland hospitals is Captain Mary M. Steppan, an officer of the Army Nurse Corps, Regular Army.

Captain Steppan was born in St. Louis, Mo., but by the time she was ready for school her family had settled in Sacramento, Calif., and she was graduated from Sacramento High School before taking up training at the Sacramento Hospital. Being thoroughly imbued with the spirit of California—although not a native daughter—the captain pursued her post graduate work in surgery at Highland Hospital and Fabiola Hospital in Oakland.

In 1938 she was appointed 2nd lieutenant, Army Nurse Corps, Regular Army, and assigned to Letterman for her first station. The following year she was designated as assistant to the Supervising Nurse for the Ninth Service Command and promoted to first lieutenant. Other stations were Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., and Fort Custer, Mich. Her promotion to the rank of Captain came in 1943.

When it was decided to have a permanent unit for the personnel of the trains Captain Steppan was designated to head the Nurses Section and she reported for that duty on 26 July of this year. It was not very long before her section was functioning very smoothly and a contented group of staff nurses were to be found in that organization.

Riding trains is an assignment requiring personnel with a special faculty for that type of duty. It is Captain Steppan's job to pass on the qualification of the nurses available for assignment and to initiate them in the routine of what is a new field to the members of the Army Nurse Corps. To date everything has operated without difficulties of any kind although there were many problems to be worked out in the early days of the organization.

Captain Steppan is endowed with a very gracious personality and a high degree of professional competence. She is very popular with her subordinates and has been highly praised by the commanding officer of the hospital train unit for her efficiency.

Unlike other branches of the army, the nurses have never referred to the Principal Chief Nurse as the "Old Lady" just because every C. O. is the "Old Man" to his outfit.

And as long as Principal Chief Nurses are as nice as Captain Steppan they never will.



To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Albert M. Signarelli** a daughter, Anne Maria, born 7 October; weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Irving B. Steinhouse** a daughter, Ellen Lynn, born 9 October; weight 6 pounds 3 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Jerold Boardman** a son, Drew, born 9 October; weight 5 pounds 14 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. **William F. Moss** a daughter, Marilyn Jeanne, born 5 October; weight 8 pounds 12 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Robert E. Moore** a daughter, Marilyn Patricia, born 8 October; weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Richard N. Phelan** a daughter, Jacqueline Ann, born 6 October; weight 8 pounds 1 ounce.

San Francisco (CNS) — James Brennan lay tossing sleeplessly on his bed. Finally he arose, gulped down 10 sleeping pills and fell asleep on the floor. He awoke 48 hours later—in the municipal hospital where his stomach was being pumped.

WAR CHEST CAMPAIGN

Goal $2000.00
To Date ....$ 485.22

HAVE YOU GIVEN?

What's My Name?

Here is the second in a series of quizzes designed to test your knowledge of our world leaders at war. "What's My Name" is adapted for THE FOG HORN from the sparkling quiz conducted every Thursday morning at 10 in the Recreation Center by Art Linkletter, popular NBC radio personality.

If you answer correctly after the first clue your score is 100 per cent and that makes you erudite. The correct answer after the second clue scores 75 per cent, brilliant. After the third clue you get 50 per cent, intelligent. And the correct answer on the last tip makes a rating of 25 per cent and gives you an average score. When you think you know, turn to page 8 and check your answer with the right one.

Clue No. 1:

I was born at Blenheim in 1874. After my education at Harrow School and the military college at Sandhurst I took my commission and fought on the Northwest Frontier of India and on the Nile. Later I resigned that commission and stood for parliament in 1899. Failing to win a seat in that election I joined the British forces, fighting in South Africa, as a journalist. What's My Name?

Clue No. 2:

I was taken prisoner in South Africa, escaped and was recommissioned as an officer in the British Army.

After the war I returned to politics and entered parliament as a conservative but later I broke with the party leader and was appointed Under Secretary of State for the Colonies in the Liberal government of 1906. I later held office in this same government as the President of the Board of Trade and also as home secretary. In 1911 I became First Lord of the Admiralty. What's My Name?

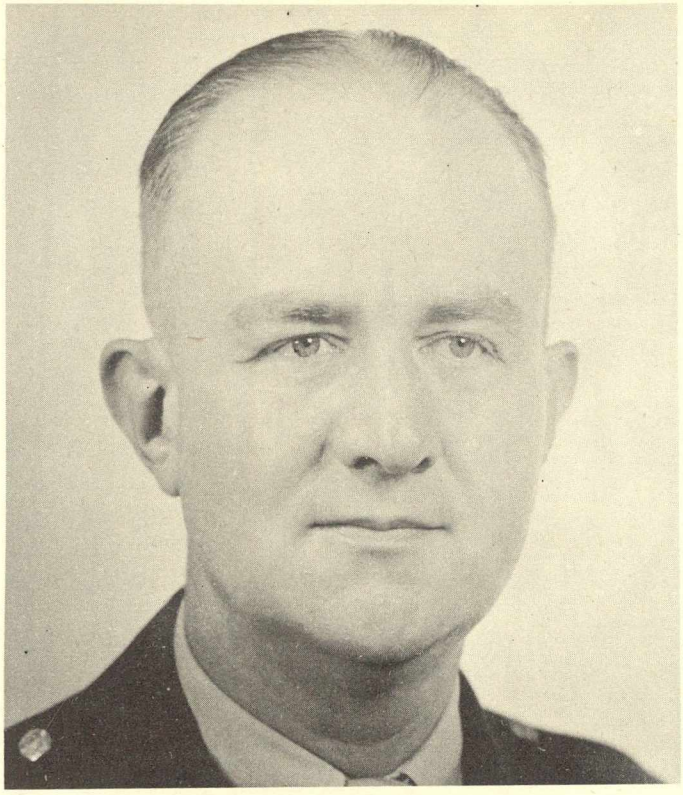
I resigned as First Lord of the Admiralty in 1915 to serve in the British Army in France. In 1917 I was called from France to become Minister of Munitions. About my forbears, my mother was Jennie Jerome, daughter of Leonard Jerome, a director of the New York Times. What's My Name?

Clue No. 4:

I married Miss Clementine Hozier in 1908 and we have a son and three daughters. On Neville Chamberlain's resignation in May 1940 I became Prime Minister.

What's My Name?

OVERSAS VETS ALL LONG FOR HOME AND MAJ. NELSON SPEEDS 'EM THERE



Major ALGOT R. NELSON, M. C.
Commanding Officer—SCU 1960

The desire finding almost universal expression among the patients coming to Letterman from overseas is the wish to get home as soon as possible, and the man who tries hardest to bring about the fulfillment of that objective with the least delay and the greatest degree of comfort is Major Algot R. Nelson, who is the Commanding Officer, Service Command Unit 1960—the organization which operates the hospital trains from the west coast to all inland army general hospitals.

The unit was organized in July of this year and, thanks to the executive ability of Major Nelson, his command is functioning like a well oiled machine that has been in operation for years.

The major was hand picked for this responsible post of command because he had developed the evacuation program to a high degree of efficiency during his tenure at the Letterman Receiving and Evacuation Office. Starting from scratch with a unit composed almost entirely of personnel new to that type of duty, Major Nelson has brought his command to a plane that will serve as a model for all future organizations of its kind.

Major Nelson was born in Providence, R. I., and made his college course at Olivet College in Michigan where he took his A. B. degree. Then he moved to Yale for his Ph. D. and M. D. honors—the latter with the Class of 1928. In 1931 he was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and in 1934 he became a Licentiate on the American Board of Pediatrics.

The major was practicing in Grand Rapids, Mich., when he was commissioned and ordered to active duty as a Major in the Medical Corps, Army of the United States, in August 1942. His first assignment was to Hoff General Hospital at Santa Barbara, Calif., and he came to Letterman in October of the same year. His first assignment was assistant chief of the Medical Service and he later was designated as Chief of the Outpatient Service. It was in this latter capacity that he developed the system of expediting reception and evacuation of patients. He moved to his present command in July of this year.

Major Nelson is endowed with a personality and graciousness that reminds one of the traditional old world courtesy yet combined with administrative ability which brings a ready spirit of co-operation from his subordinates characteristic of the new world way of getting things done.

And all trains get out on schedule.

Chaplains Needed For Immediate Duty With Our Forces

Appointments in the Corps of Chaplains, with the rank of first lieutenant, now are available to ministers and priests who can meet Army qualifications, it was announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah, by Colonel J. L. Blakeney, Ninth Service Command chaplain.

Those accepted will be immediately ordered to active duty and assigned to Fort Devens, Mass., where they will undergo a five-week orientation course in military procedures.

Applicants must have acceptable ecclesiastical endorsement from their respective church body or its officially designated representative to be considered eligible, Chaplain Blakeney declared.

Candidates also must possess the following:

1—A.B. or B.S. degree and B.D. or Th.B. degree or graduation from an accredited college and seminary, together with a minimum of one year pastoral experience, or

2—A.B. or B.S. degree, or graduation from an accredited college, and theological training required for ordination by his denomination in addition to a minimum of two years experience, or

3—B.D. or Th.B. degree, or graduation from an acceptable theological seminary and a minimum of three years experience following ordination.

In addition all applicants must pass the Army's final type physical examination and be between the ages of 24 and 50 years.

Hays, Kans. (CNS)—A local housewife engaged a maid for the day. At 11 a.m. the maid arrived. She and the wife had lunch. Then the maid helped with the dishes. At 1 p.m., the maid excused herself, explaining that she had an engagement at 1:15, and asked the housewife to please pay her off.

MORE ABOUT PIONEER HOSPITAL

(Continued from Page 2)

Diego. This was my first flight, and I'm still buzzin'. I've decided to be a very good girl so someday I'll get to be an angel and zoom around all day like a P-38 . . . It's so beautiful up there . . . I turned my railroad ticket over to the Transportation Office. They will be credited with the price of the unused ticket. I am most anxious to start on my next trip . . . The Red Cross is at his side . . . and awfully happy to be there . . . "

In addition to Miss Torkelsen there are nine other Hospital Train Workers assigned to the train unit operating from the Presidio of San Francisco. They are: Margaret Bump, Burlingame, California; Leah Coleman, Salt Lake City, Utah; Ethel Dazey, San Francisco, California; Ruth Horne, Riverside, California; Emily Johnson, Claremont, California; Josephine Jwayad, Portland, Oregon; Agnes Peairs, Los Angeles, California; Betty Lee Scott, Burlingame, California; and Betty Wood, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

GI Nabs 300 Nazis And 1 Cigar Smoker

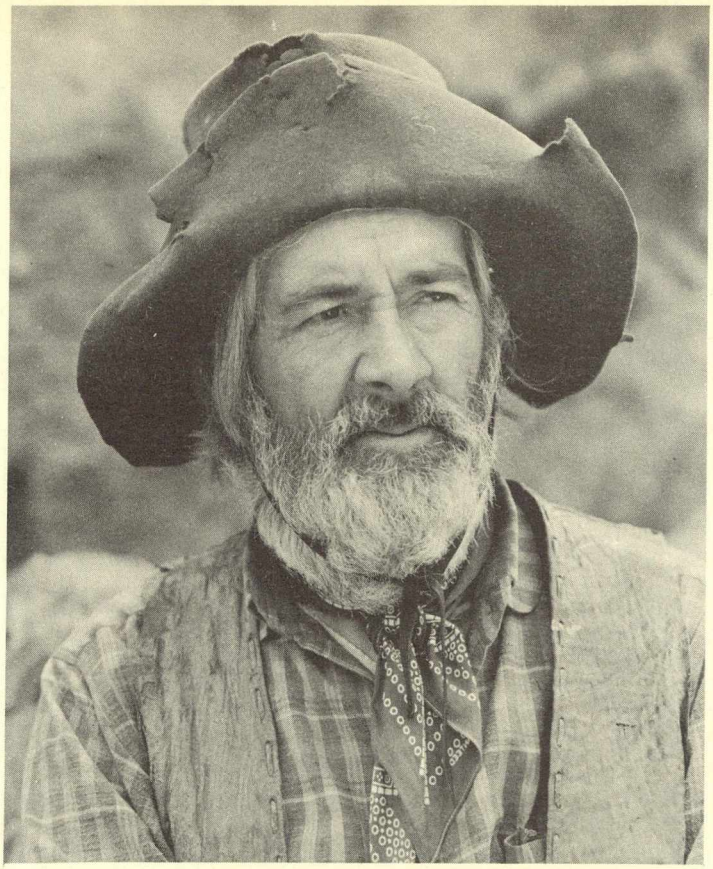
France (CNS) — Sgt Herbert Brammer, of Arlington, Tex, doesn't like Germans who smoke long black cigars. So when he saw one near Brest, he knocked the cigar out of the guy's mouth and scared 300 other Nazis into a quick surrender. The other Krauts were walking behind the cigar smoker when Brammer showed up.

U. S. Army Sets Up Chinese Officers' School

China (CNS)—The U. S. Army in China has established a special General Staff School here for officers of the Chinese Expeditionary Force. The school is staffed by American officers whose lectures in English are translated in the classroom into Chinese.

Mother Rigs Son's 'Chute

Bergstrom Field, Tex (CNS)—When Lt Sam Proffitt, AAF, reported here for duty the first person he ran into was his mother, Wac Pvt Pearl Proffitt, a parachute rigger at this field. A day later Lt Proffitt made his first flight from this base, wearing a parachute rigged by his mother.



GEORGE "GABBY" HAYES
Cowboy comedian who was a Letterman visitor on Wednesday afternoon and entertained the patients in the Recreation Center as well as on the wards.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICE **RED CROSS**

For Week of October 16 to 23

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
Bohemian Club—Lindsey Spight	SSO 1900	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	SSO 1400	Wards
Choral Group from Army YMCA	SSO 1900	Wards
Bingo Party—Given by Printing House Craftsmen Auxiliary	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—		
THURSDAY—		
Patient's Dance—Girls and refreshments, SSO & ARC	1845 to 2045	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	SSO 1400	Wards
Skit Night—We need talent!	ARC 1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—		
"Rhythm Rumpus" U.S.O. Camp Show	SSO 1400	Wards
Make A Record—Classical & Popular	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—		
Social Afternoon—Girl Guests	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall

News From Home

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS) — Local Indians have given up fire water. At recent tribal councils, most of the Sagamores went on record as opposed to sale of liquor to Indians.

Baltimore (CNS) — A high school paper here recently polled the girls at the school with this question: "How do you get a boy friend to date you these days?" Most popular answer: "I borrow my father's gas ration card."

Brooklyn (CNS)—A judge dismissed charges of obstructing sidewalk traffic lodged against a bootblack here after remarking that bootblacks are "public benefactors" in war times.

Chicago (CNS)—The youthful beauty of the American woman lasts longer now than it did ten years ago, says Dr Alexander Ward, dermatologist. According to Dr Ward's statistics, the average age of the applicant for face-lifting today is 45. Ten years ago it was 38.

Detroit (CNS)—One local policeman, an ex-cowboy, has asked permission to carry a lasso while on traffic duty.

Hohokus, N. J. (CNS) — The Hohokus health society has passed a resolution permitting "all veterans to have freedom of the town without the preliminary formality of licensing." The veterans referred to are dogs—honorably discharged members of the K-9 Corps.

Kansas City (CNS)—A stranger walked up to George Sack, 65, and said: "You look like a bum to me." Offended, Sack showed the man his bankroll of $80. Convinced that Sack was no bum, the stranger grabbed the roll and vanished.

Marquette, Mich (CNS) — Four inmates of the county jail are being held on theft charges here. The men have been breaking out of their cells every night, the warden complains, and raiding the prison bakery.

Philadelphia (CNS)—A glass of beer cost Mrs. Jean Hoffman $80 and 10 cents here recently. Mrs. Hoffman, who is only 19, was fined $50 and $30 costs for lying about her age to buy a dime glass of foam.

Ramona, S. D. (CNS)—D. L. Thompson, 37, is the oldest student enrolled at Ramona High School this season. A steel worker, Student Thompson is married and has 2 children.

Here is the answer to this week's "What's My Name?" quiz:
Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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School of Enlisted Technicians Close Here at Year's End

With the end of the current year will come the end of the Enlisted Technicians Schools, which have been in operation on the Letterman reservation for the last three and a half years, according to advices received from the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army by Lieut. Colonel George C. Shivers, Commandant of the Schools.

The Schools were among the first to be organized in the Medical Department and soon established a high reputation for the quality of its graduates. Up to 1 October the school records show that 4713 students had been enrolled for instruction, and of this number 4264 were graduated in the various specialties taught. The unusually low average of seven per cent of failures is the best evidence of the calibre of the men sent to the schools and the proficiency of the staff.

Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin, M. C.; was the organizer and first commandant, and he left only two weeks ago to assume similar duties at the Enlisted Technicians Schools at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Lieut. Colonel George C. Shivers, the present commandant, has been on the staff since the beginning as Executive Officer. Others who have been with the schools since the early days are Major Donald E. Casad, M. C., Major Chester G. Moore, M. C. and Captain Benjamin J. Kingwell.

The success of the school is due in part to the relatively few changes occurring from time to time among the staff of instructors.

The graduates are now to be found in our large general hospitals within the continental limits and with almost every one of the combat organizations fighting on all fronts.



1st Lieut. ANN B. BAKALAR, A.N.C.

Lieut. Ann B. Bakalar Leaves Letterman

First Lieutenant Ann B. Bakalar, Army Nurse Corps, who is a real "old timer" and one of the few Regulars on the Letterman staff, left last night for her new station at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Lt. Bakalar joined Letterman on appointment to the A.N.C. of the Regular Army on 21 July 1941 and this has been her only station up to the present. She is known to the personnel of all ranks and enjoys a wide acquaintance among patients frequenting the Outpatient Department.

The lieutenant has defied tradition and adage by serving as a bridesmaid at nineteen weddings in the Post Chapel during the past three years and climaxed her local career by acting as sponsor at the baptism of Karen Lee Calden, infant daughter of Capt. Willard S. Calden and Ruth Miller Calden, on Wednesday last.

Lieut. Bakalar takes with her the best wishes of the command for a happy tour of duty at her new station.

Formal Attire Now Tabu for Nurses On All Occasions

The urge to appear strictly feminine on special occasions which moves all of our militarized female personnel at times has been suppressed so far as the Army Nurse Corps is concerned by a War Department directive requiring the nurses to appear in uniform at all times, according to advices from the office of the Supervising Nurse, Ninth Service Command, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Prior to the issuance of the new directive, local commanding officers had the authority to permit the wearing of formal civilian attire for formal social gatherings, such as weddings and the like. This authority has now been abrogated.

Permission to wear suitable attire when engaged in sports is not affected by the new directive, it is believed, so the young ladies may still wield a tennis racquet or a golf club under appropriate conditions, or don their heavy shoes for long hikes over mountain trails or along country lanes.

The change in regulations has not up to the time of going to press resulted in any advertising notices on the bulletin boards offering for sale the garments now prohibited although it is known there are some such slightly used or not at all.

The first formal occasion on which the nurses will appear strictly G. I. will be the "Open House" held by the officers of the Hospital Train Unit at their new quarters on the Presidio on Sunday afternoon.

BOY FROM BROOKLYN BATTERS JAPS--TELLS MOM ABOUT IT

"Hello, Mom. This is Tony. Where am I? At Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco. Am I wounded? Yes, a little, Mom, a couple of times, in fact. But don't worry. I'll be all right soon. You don't think those Japs could put a doughboy from Brooklyn down for a long count, do you? I'll be right back at 'em in a couple of months."

That's the way the long distance telephone conversation went a few minutes after Private First Class Antonio Roscano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Doscano of 128 Fountain Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, returned to the United States from the Southwest Pacific area, where he fought as an assistant machinegunner in a rifle company of the 41st Infantry Division.

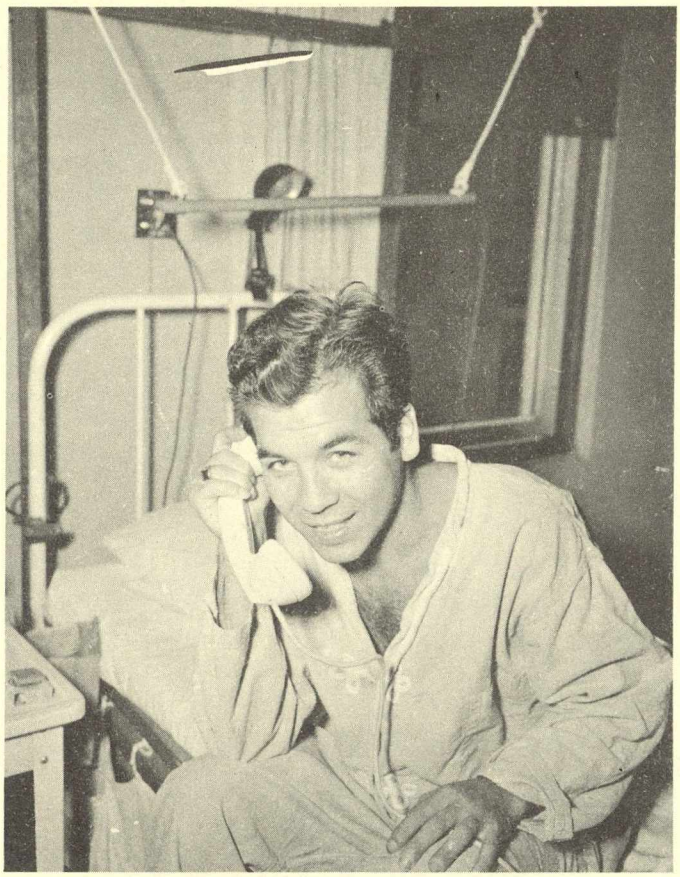
Private First Class Roscano, 24 years old and looking as fit and rugged as a middleweight boxing contender despite wounds in the hip and legs, told, in an interview after his reassuring telephonic reunion with "Mom," how he was hit on successive days on Biak Island.

"We went into an attack on a Jap position along a ridge late one afternoon," he said. "It was tough going. The ground was all knolls and knobs and jagged coral. Jap machineguns and mortars were thick all along the ridge. My machinegun crew was just getting into position when a Jap mortar shell hit smack in the middle of us and blew up our ammunition box.

"The whole crew was wounded, but we couldn't be evacuated then because the Jap fire was too intense. I couldn't walk, because of my hip wound, but I could crawl, and I crawled to where I could pick up a rifle and fired it until dark. After dark we were carried to the battalion perimeter, and finally they got us back to the battalion aid station.

"The two guys who picked me up and carried me out of that area which was just covered with Jap machinegun and mortar fire saved my life, all right, and in doing it they almost lost their lives. Both of them were wounded as they took me to cover, but they didn't even stagger. They kept right on going.

"Do I have their names? Sure, I do. You don't think I'd let a couple of guys save my life and not even get their names, do you? I've got them written down in my notebook. Right here. Technician 5th Grade M. G. Thomas, 808 Cherry Street, Perrysburg, Ohio, and Private First Class Pete Imbrone, 8598 Mulner Street, Detroit, Michigan. Tommy was hit in the arm and Pete in the chest, both with machinegun bullets. Why the same burst didn't get me, I'll never know. Anyway, for my money those two dogfaces are a couple of heroes, and any time they come to Brooklyn after the war I'll show them what I mean."



Pfc. ANTONIO ROSCANO
Via the bedside phone tells Mom he is home again

Both Corporal Thomas and Private First Class Imbrone, the Brooklyn Infantryman added, have recovered from their wounds.

"Well, anyway," he went on, "at dawn the next morning the Nips attacked the battalion command post set-up, including the air station, with tanks and Infantry. The aid station was one of their top targets. And don't think that's unusual. To the Japs, a Red Cross is just the same as a bull's eye.

"For a guy from Brooklyn, who likes to scrap, I was in one heck of a fix, lying there on a litter and not able to get up and do my part to chase the little Jap devils back where they came from. I just had to lie still and take it. Of course, I kept hollering to our guys to go get them, which they were doing with .30-caliber armor piercing ammunition and bazookas.

"While I was hollering, a .31-caliber machinegun bullet from one of the tanks hit me in the leg. I saw the tank, I saw the Jap machinegun spitting away at me, and that bullet that hit me, I almost saw it coming.

"Did it hurt? Certainly, it hurt. It felt like having a red hot poker stuck through my leg. But I forgot about the pain when I saw that our guys were getting to those tanks with the bazookas, and one Jap tank after another was knocked out.

"When a tank would get hit, the Japs would pile out of it and come charging forward with their rifles, and every one of the Japs from the knocked out tanks was killed. In the meantime, our riflemen mopped up the Jap Infantry."

The machinegun fire which wounded him for the second time was from a range of only 50 yards, Private First Class Roscano said.

Prior to the Biak operation, the durable doughboy from Brooklyn had participated in the swift conquest of Hollandia, where his machinegun played a part in the annihilation of Japanese defense forces.

"At Hollandia," he said, "the Infantry rifle companies advanced so fast that the artillery couldn't keep up with us. But as it turned out we didn't need any artillery support, because we knocked out all the Jap pillboxes, machinegun positions, and mortar positions ourselves."

Private First Class Roscano wears the Purple Heart for his first battle wound and probably will receive an Oak Leaf Cluster for the second wound.

Writers in Service To Get Fellowships

New York (CNS)—Annual fellowships for service personnel, both men and women, officers and EM, who demonstrate potentialities for creative writing, are available from the 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation. The Fellowships are worth $1500, and are payable both to personnel on active service and to honorably discharged veterans.

Here's how you qualify:

Submit a book or play, either in full draft, part of draft, or in outline form, together with at least 1 completed chapter (to indicate your approach to your material), to Bertram Bloch, eastern story editor for 20th Century-Fox, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. A committee of judges will pass on the literary quality of the narrative writing, originality of the idea material and the possibilities for full-length development by the author. If your contribution is considered to have sufficient merit, a fellowship award will be made and you will then have one year to complete a full-length book or play.

At present, 20th Century-Fox contemplates award of approximately 25 fellowships, but the number may vary, depending on the quality of the submissions. The awards will be made on the basis of individual merit and not in competition with other entries.

Don't Feed the Animals

Antwerp (CNS)—During the Allied invasion of Belgium, cages in the Antwerp zoo were used for temporary detention of German prisoners and Belgian collaborationists.

CADET NURSES TAKE OVER LETTERMAN AND WE LIKE THEM LOTS



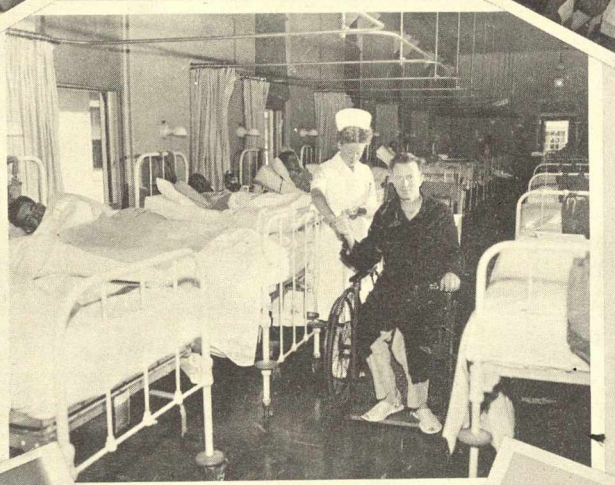
A CHOCOLATE MALT
When day is done seems to be the preference but one cadet held out for a "coke" -- and the P.X. is right next door to the nurses quarters.



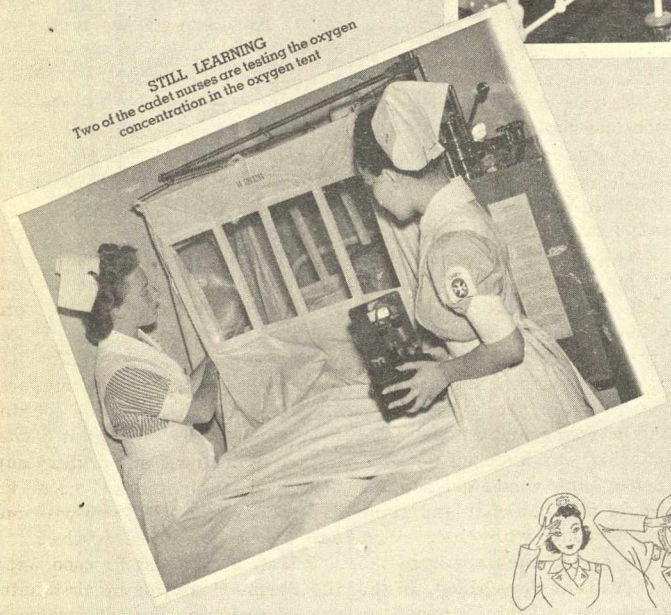


TEA TIME IN THE RECEPTION ROOM
Afternoon tea before the big fireplace is something to look forward to this winter.



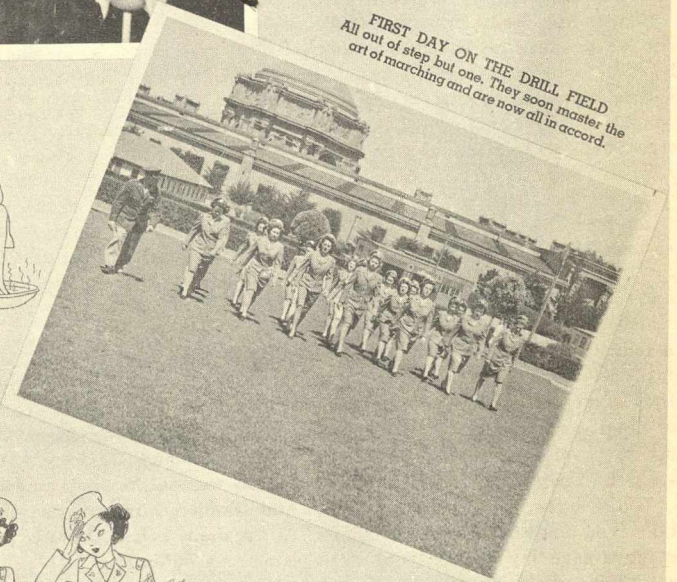


WARD DUTY IS FASCINATING
Under supervision the cadet nurses acquire the technique of caring for soldier patients.



STILL LEARNING
Two of the cadet nurses are testing the oxygen concentration in the oxygen tent





FIRST DAY ON THE DRILL FIELD
All out of step but one. They soon master the art of marching and are now all in accord.



THE FOG HORN

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Finish The Job

One of the curious effects of what might be called "good news" concerning the war is the immediate let down in concentration along the lines of the war effort. It was apparent during the days following the landing in Normandy and the amazing progress made by our forces through France to the German border. For many it was interpreted to mean the end was in sight so they quit their efforts to speed up the victory; for them it had been achieved.

A barometer of the war spirit is the registration at the Blood Procurement Centers. When the going is hard all appointments are filled and there is a waiting list, but when we seem to be mopping up over there the folks on the home front let down over here.

The announcement of the invasion of the Philippines resulted in a lamentable neglect among those who might have given a pint of blood for the wounded men of the armed forces. That day there were many blanks on the appointment calendar at the Blood Center—a defection that cannot be defended.

The war will be over only when the last shot is fired. That last shot may mean a casualty who will need plasma. After he has been cared for we may quit but not until then.

Blood donors — stay in the mood to give your pint. Stay with our men until they finish the job.



We extend a hearty welcome to Second Lieutenants **Jean H. Johnston, Florence R. Cardosa** and **Vivian W. Kelly** who joined the nursing staff of Letterman during the past week. The nurses reported for duty here after completing basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. Lieuts. Johnston and Cardosa will go to Dante—the LGH annex and Lieut. Kelly will remain here.

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A word from the girls overseas: A Former Lettermanite, Lieutenant **Mary Dreyer** writes from Paris, France, and tells of the large general hospital in which they are now working. The hospital used by Germans prior to their retreat. She tells that winter is setting in now—and at the time she wrote the letter she sat with three blankets around her, a glove on her left hand (she was writing with her right) and her feet in a pan of hot water. Aside from the cold the only other complaint was the exhorbitant prices for little luxuries that has made Paris so famous.

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After a period of hospitalization and a short convalescence period, Miss **Joyce V. Mitchell**—cadet nurse—has returned to duty.

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'Back to the old grind' is the theme for 1st Lieutenants **Katherine Trask** and **Margaret J. Giles** this week when they returned to duty after a short leave.

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Not to be out-done or we could say done out of a vacation—1st Lieutenants **Pearl G. Lewick** and **Anne Rose** left early this week for a few days leave. No matter what time of year—that vacation spirit lives on.

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1st Lieutenant **Antonia M. Fasenmyer** and 2nd Lieutenant **Romey A. Rasmussen** returned from a 10 day embarkation leave and then departed for a tour of duty overseas.

Here is the answer to this week's "What's My Name" quiz on page 7: **Adolph Hitler.**

THE OBSERVER SAW

Captain **Andrew R. Edwards Jr.** at the "Frantic" on Tuesday evening and—oh, me!

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The **Don Juan** from the third floor at his accustomed spot in the P. X. these mornings.

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Major **Edward Campion** back for a little visit.

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Lieut. **Blanche Snyder** calling the turn of the coin and getting her breakfast for free.

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Lieut. **Edythe Hawthorne** buried in a bower of flowers in the store window of Podesta & Baldocchi—and appealing for plasma.

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Lieut. **Henry D. Moon** hoping for a frozen section of the sole of a pair of shoes. He might locate the squeak. His boss wears the shoes.

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Miss **Peggy Myll** in a new setting under the aegis of the—well, who dun it?

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Sgt. **Lew Villa** doing all right as keeper of a vegetable stand at a veddy swanky garden party.

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Captain **Rex Clayton,** under his new title of "Director of Dietetics," explaining it is still a Mess.

New York (CNS)—Lucky Charlie Giebel found a $1500 platinum ring in the rear seat of his taxicab soon after discharging two women passengers at a local museum. He turned it in to the police, who returned it to him when no one claimed it. Lucky Charlie's wife is wearing it now.

Philadelphia (CNS) — D. K. Ernst, hypnotist, was working on a couple of victims in a school auditorium when suddenly his audience went to sleep. He discovered he had hynotized 35 students.

Toledo, O (CNS) — A middle-aged mother lost her plea for divorce when the judge learned that she spent her evenings roller skating while her husband sat up with the children.

San Antonio, Tex. (CNS) — Eight local women are walking around town with their noses in the air these days. They've just been hired as garbage collectors.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, October 22, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Open House

The Principal Chief Nurse and the nurses of Hospital Train Unit, Service Command Unit 1960, will hold "Open House" for their friends at the Nurses' Quarters, Building No. 951, at the Presidio of San Francisco, on Sunday, October 22, between the hours of 1600 and 1800.

Liaison Officer

The office of the Liaison Officer, Army Air Forces, Lieut. Leslie Heitel, has been moved to Building 1135, where all Air Forces personnel are welcome to discuss their problems or secure information.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to a dance to take place in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Blvd. and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday night October 28th, at nine o'clock.

Junior hostesses will be on hand to welcome you.

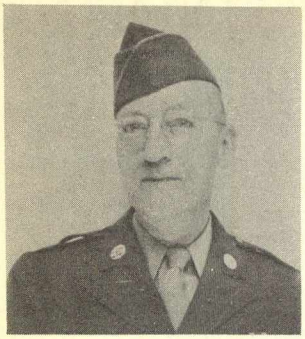
Nimitz Asks Increase In War Production

Honolulu (CNS) — Hawaii and the West Coast of the U. S. are in the "forward echelon of America's arsenal of democracy," Adm Chester W. Nimitz declared recently in an appeal for increased war production in the war on Japan.

"Hawaii's task," said the admiral, "is to repair ships and planes and to keep supplies moving to battle areas in a steady stream.

"After the fall of Germany the need for manpower in Hawaii will be greater," he added. "As we push the Pacific Front forward an accelerated effort on the part of every person, man and woman, now on the job or who can take a job, will be needed."

BUCK OF THE WEEK



HARRY ROGERS
Pvt. Med. Corps

We take our hats off to Private Harry Rogers of the medical detachment, Buck of this Week, for his one ambition in life—to create laughter among people. Even as a patient in the hospital while receiving treatment for an injured leg, the private found it difficult to refrain from causing laughter and gaiety amid the other patients. After experiencing the monotony of being bedridden, Rogers became acquainted with favorite pastimes for bedfast patients and developed an art to entertain them.

It was during his hospitalization that the doctors discovered a defect in the fingers and hand, results of a burn from childhood, of Private Rogers and suggested an operation to improve the appearance of hand. He expresses sincere gratitude to our own Captain Pratt who performed the operation successfully and except for a little stiffness now, the hand is again normal.

Rogers was born in Ishpemming, Michigan, but went to school in Cleveland, Ohio. He took a course at the College of Massage and pursued his work as a masseur which gave him the opportunity to travel extensively throughout this country.

In September of 1942 he was inducted into the Army in Newark, New Jersey. He received his basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and attended the quartermaster school. Next stop was Vancouver, Washington, where he worked as an orderly to General Hartman and tutored the general's son in French. It was here that the accident occurred necessitating hospitalization. From Vancouver he was transferred to Barnes General Hospital thence to Letterman.

Private Rogers has a son in the Air Corps who is now somewhere down in the South Pacific giving it to the Japs.

Want to Study at Oxford? The Army Can Arrange It

By Camp Newspaper Service

What will life be like for GIs who wind up in the Army—or armies—of Occupation? Or for those surplus men whose return to the U. S. is held up temporarily by lack of shipping facilities?

Will the period they spend policing enemy territory or just waiting for the boat represent so much "wasted time"—a chunk taken out of their lives for which they will receive little in return except the satisfaction of having served their country? Or will it be the opportunity of a lifetime to prepare for the future?

To some extent, that will depend upon the GI, but a glimpse at official plans discloses that the War Department is preparing an ambitious education, recreation and athletic program for occupying and surplus troops in inactive theaters. While full details have not been announced, 2 major points stand out:

1. Military training will be deemphasized, although not eliminated with considerably less time devoted to close-order drill, gas mask drill, "spit and polish," etc.

2. Education, recreation and sports will be stressed. If you like comparisons, indications are that life in inactive theaters will resemble somewhat the daily activities at a good military school in the U. S., with a few important differences.

For instance, no man will be forced to attend any of the educational courses if he doesn't want to—and he won't be put on any work details if he refuses to study. But he will be required to choose something from the athletic or recreational lists.

For men who never had a chance to go to school when they were kids, the Army will attempt to provide at least a fifth-grade elementary-school education.

Vocational training will be available to those who wish to learn a trade.

Qualified men may be sent to some of the great European universities—such as Oxford or Cambridge, in England, or the Sorbonne, in Paris.

And for those interested in advanced vocational training centralized technical schools will be set up in connection with existing civilian schools to teach 150 technical courses, such as machine-shop practice; radio servicing and repair, refrigeration maintenance, welding and so on.

GIs who have had a high-school education, or its equivalent, (in technical schools or experience) may take the university courses, similar to those offered in American colleges. Some of these courses will be given in local civilian institutions, while others will be available in special Army centers staffed by qualified military instructors. Competent instructors will be selected, regardless of rank. It is expected that American colleges will give credit for work passed in foreign universities and Army university centers.

But the bulk of the educational and vocational training, except the advanced technical and university-level courses, will be given in battalion-level schools.

The recreation portion of the program contemplates instruction in music, dramatics, arts and crafts and opportunities for expression in these fields.

On the sports agenda activities range from GI Olympic Games, with competition from all theaters of operations to chess and checker tournaments. More than $20,000,000 worth of sporting equipment is being purchased for use of GIs overseas.

The fact that a man is partway through some course when he gets shipping orders to go home will not hold him overseas. In that case, he just drops everything and gets on the boat.

Victory Orgies Barred By New York Mayor

New York (CNS)—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia has expressed sharp disapproval of plans attributed to a few groups for unrestrained celebration of V-E (Victory-in-Europe) Day.

"There is one thing I am sure we will not do, should not do and must not do," the Mayor said. "and that is indulge in orgies of hilarity, in all sorts of demonstrations that are disorderly and destructive, for the war is not over. Even after we have defeated Hitler and conquered Germany, there are still our boys in the Pacific."

Hard Fighting Ahead, Gen Vandergrift Warns

Pacific (CNS) — The hardest fighting of the Pacific War is "before, not behind us," in the opinion of Lt Gen Alexander A. Vandergrift, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

While recent American offensives have brought us in a position to "strike major blows against the enemy's inner springs of power," the days ahead will be "critical for us as well as the enemy," he warned.

Defeat of Germany, he declared, must not be a signal to relax effort either militarily or on the home front.

ON THE SPOT



Pfc. PAUL MILEY
Inf., Unasgd.

Because of his constant praise for the medics and every other G. I. in his infantry company, the general modesty displayed by Private First Class Paul Miley from Tazewell, Tennessee, prompts us to feature him on the spot this week.

One Jap bullet was not enough to put Paul out of action when he was winged in the right shoulder, so our hero kept right on throwing grenades until the counterattack was smashed with heavy losses to the enemy. During a bitter battle the next day at Maffin Bay, a Nip rifle bullet pierced his left ankle . . . "I couldn't walk," he said, "but I could crawl, and I thought if I could get forward to the position selected for our mortar I'd still be able to do my part in blasting the Japs out of the pillboxes.

"I kept getting weaker and finally one of the other boys near by shouted to a medic, who crawled through a rain of machinegun fire and treated me with first aid, then told me I was to return to the battalion aid station.

"Litterbearers took me back to the aid station in spite of my protests. I didn't want to miss any of the show for my outfit was making a hot drive against the pillboxes that day and I wanted to be in on it." However, he learned later that they knocked it out.

The private continued, "My platoon was pinned down under machinegun and mortar fire for nearly a whole day and the reason we got out of that spot was the remarkable leadership and coolness demonstrated by T/Sgt. Raymond Coonan of Sioux City, Iowa."

Paul served in the New Guinea campaign with the 6th Infantry Division. He has been in the Army three years and received his basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

MEDICAL DETACH

Lucky GIs are those who received furloughs this week. They were Tech. 3rd Grade Walter J. Gardiner who received 24 days; Tech. 4th Grade Walter Beherns, 23 days and Staff Sergeant Charles Clark got 19 days. Also Privates Walter Hullen and Jack S. Albright, 15 days; Staff Sergeant William R. Mathias, 14 days, and Private Phillip Leist with 10 days.

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Greetings and welcome are extended to Private Gilbert W. Grady who joined the detachment this week.

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Soldiers come and soldiers go—and this week leaving the detachment with our best wishes are: Tech. 5th Grade Angelo F. Borelli, Private Maure R. DeLaGarza and Private James A. Cole.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

The work put out by Pvt. Robert S. Dotseth as the printer in the Reconditioning Center now.

The newest thing in lounging outfits, modeled by Sgt. William H. McDonald last week.

T/4th Gr. James E. McDavid visiting his old friends here after a tour of duty overseas for a year.

T/4th Gr. Christopher (Proud Daddy) Gannon receiving congratulations for his new daughter, born on last Tuesday.

S/Sgt. Robert J. Ransom trying to cut his way through a blanket of fog not too successfully—and getting lost.

T/5th Gr. Israel Kulak donning the wardman's white uniform for the first time since his assignment to new duties.

Sgt. Lou D. Slott's Model "A" Booby Trap . . . They allow anything on the highways these days.

Cpl. Bob (Man of Many Voices) Colvig assuming the role of diplomatic expert as he expounds on the meeting at Dumbarton Oaks. For further information consult your daily newspaper.

S/Sgt. Merle C. "Windy" West laying the groundwork for another top notch basketball team. If it's as good as last year's team, he will not have worked in vain.

THE RHODES TOOK THE RIGHT ROAD LED THEM RIGHT TO LETTERMAN



Mrs. JANIS ALEENE RHODES

Not everyone is as lucky as Mrs. Janis Aleene Rhodes, secretary to Colonel Russell H. Patterson, Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman, but then not everyone has as much ability.

Janis became the bride of Captain John F. Rhodes in June of 1943, and when the Captain was ordered from Philadelphia to study anesthesia under Major Charles F. McCuskey, Chief of Anesthesiology at Letterman, she came with him. She had had nine years of secretarial experience with a transportation company in Philadelphia, but had never done any work in the medical field. Shortly after the Rhodes had settled in San Francisco, Colonel Patterson's secretary succumed to the lure of the Navy and joined the Waves, so Mrs. Rhodes stepped into her place. She modestly tells us that it was "not too difficult" to learn the new phraseology, but when we asked about the sixty-four dollar words, she completely floored us by spelling out without hesitation "eosinophilic granuloma." She can even accomplish these miracles in shorthand.

However, the very pretty Mrs. Rhodes doesn't exhibit any pride in her own accomplishments, but does have a great deal about her brother who is a Captain under General Patton in France and about her sister's young daughter who is her namesake. Also about her mother, who after not working for thirty years, decided that she should do her part as long as her children were all so energetic, and proceeded to get herself a job.

Mrs. Rhodes and her husband plan on returning to Philadelphia, their first love, when the war is over, but from her enthusiasm about San Francisco, we are willing to bet that she'll return to California after she has satisfied her nostalgia for Pennsylvania with one good look.

And in the meantime, one of the best arguments in support of the institution of matrimony is the pleasant picture presented by Captain and Mrs. Rhodes lunching together in the P.X.



To Major and Mrs. Allan D. Dees a daughter, Marilyn Elaine, born 15 October; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Oliver D. Brewer a son, John Donald, born 10 October; weight 9 pounds.

To Captain and Mrs. Samuel M. Hollombe a daughter, Suzan Ellen, born 12 October; weight 6 pounds 2 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. Joseph H. Kern a son, Joseph Melancon, born 14 October; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. Lester C. Welch a daughter, Leslie Ann, born 11 October; weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. Stewart L. Heil a daughter, Joan Carole, born 15 October; weight 6 pounds 2 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. Owen W. Winters a daughter, Sharon Allene, born 12 October; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Ernest J. Pimentil a daughter, Marilyn Ann, born 13 October; weight 5 pounds 12 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Ervin H. Schuck a son, Jerry Allen, born 13 October; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. William J. Robertson a son, Ted Allen, born 12 October; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. John B. Thornton a son, John Bruce III, born 12 October; weight 8 pounds. 3 ounces.



France — A Yank crawled into a shaft and hollered "Anyone down there?" After a few seconds a guttural voice answered "Nein."

"Nine, hey?" the Yank retorted, winging a grenade into the blackness below. "Then share this among you."

What's My Name?

Here is the third in a series of "What's My Name" quizes to appear in the FOG HORN as a test of your knowledge of world leaders at war. "What's My Name" is adapted from the sparkling radio program of the same name conducted Thursday mornings at 10 in the Recreation Center by Art Linkletter, popular NBC radio personality.

If you have the right answer after the first clue you score 100 per cent and that gives you the right to be known as erudite. The answer on the second clue gives you 75 per cent and you're brilliant. After the third clue the score is 50 per cent, intelligent. Fourth clue gives you 25 per cent, average. When you think you know the right answer turn to page 4 and check yours with the right one.

Clue No. 1:

I was born April 20, 1889, in Braunau, Austria. My god-parents were named Prinz. I came to Germany in 1912. What's My Name?

Clue No. 2:

I became a German citizen on February 25, 1922, at which time I was appointed government councillor by Minister Klagges of the State of Braunschweig. Early in November of 1923, during an interview with the Bavarian Minister Kahr, I promised: "Your excellency, I give you my word of honor that I shall never in my life promote a revolt." What's My Name?

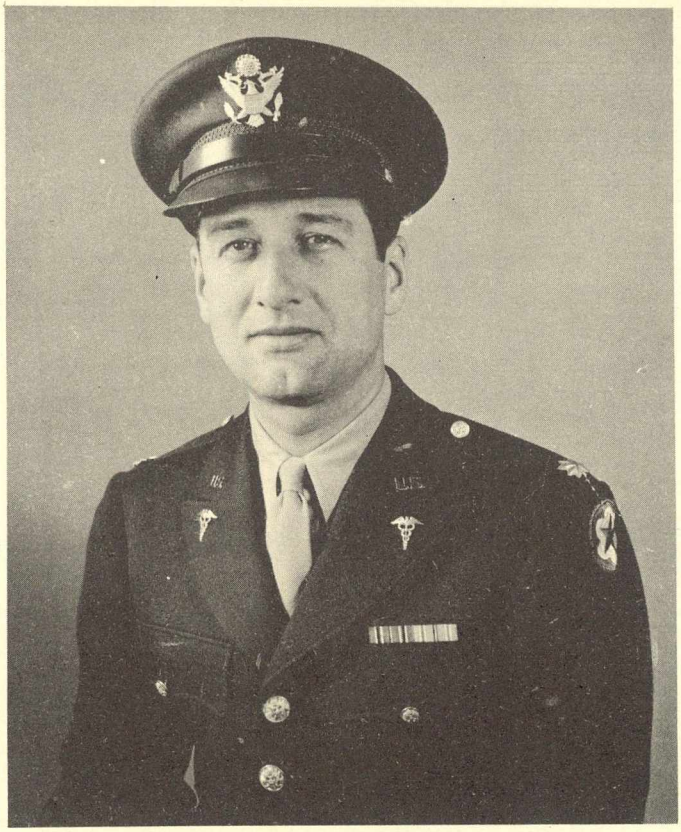
Clue No. 3:

I served in the German army in the first world war, and was employed as a spy by the high command after the armistice had been signed. I made my first speech on February 25, 1920, in a mass meeting in the Munich Hofbrauhaus, explaining the 25 program points of my party, known as the N.S.D.A.P. I became leader of that party on July 29, 1921. What's My Name?

Clue No. 4:

On February 27, 1933, I had my men burn the Reichstag in order to obtain emergency powers to stamp out all resistance to my new administration. On March 23 of that same year I had the Reichstag vote itself out of existence and had them vote legislative powers to my cabinet. I appointed myself as Feuhrer and Reich Chancellor on the death of President Von Hindenburg. They say that when I have an emotional upheaval, I have quite a sweet tooth for rugs. What's My Name?

MAJOR BRADLEY WILL SWAP PROPELLOR FOR WINGS---HAD ENOUGH OF WATER



Major JAMES A. BRADLEY, M. C.
Chief of the Outpatient Service

While there was something of an overdose in it, Major James A. Bradley, Chief of our Outpatient Service, can recall that the army once prescribed a detail for him that was right to his taste. He has a hobby—it is the study of the Polynesian race, and when he drew an assignment as transport surgeon it was suiting his job to his desires.

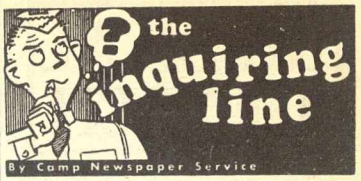
For two years he traveled all over the South Pacific, where he managed to get first hand knowledge of the Maoris, the Hawaiians, the Melanesians, the Mecronesians and others of the South Seas groups. His first trip, we must confess, would have left us little time for very avid interest in any hobby. It was on a freighter carrying ammunition, and the thought of an attack in such a situation gives us very cold chills. However, the only air raid experienced on that trip came just after the cargo had been unloaded. Which is very fortunate, for as a result, we were to hear a very interesting story.

Major Bradley has always been interested in the story of the "Mutiny on the Bounty," and Captain Bligh's remarkable trip in the small boat. In fact he had made a model from old drawings of that boat, and acquired all the books available on the subject. In his transport assignment, he followed the course of the "Bounty," from beginning to end, was fortunate enough to stop at Pitcairn Island, and talk with the descendants of the mutineers who settled there. The transport had put in for fresh fruit and vegetables and the major was the only man in the transport to go ashore there.

The major is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and practiced in Eugene, Oregon, prior to being commissioned in the Medical Corps in April 1942. He was assigned to station at Fort Ord and three months later ordered to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, and there detailed to duty as transport surgeon. He moved to the Station Hospital, Port of Embarkation, in March 1944, and joined Letterman when that hospital became part of our organization.

For the time being Major and Mrs. Bradley are making their home in San Francisco but come the end of the war and they will hurry back to Eugene. They just like that little college town.

It was all very interesting seeing the places and peoples he had been studying, the major tells us, but he has had enough of water and ships for all time, and when he goes back again, he will most definitely take to the air.



Q. My mother, sister and brother are dependent upon me for support and are receiving allotments from the Office of Dependency Benefits, for which $22 is taken out of my pay each month. How many points will I get for them under the Army's demobilization plan?

A. None of these dependents count toward point credits under the Demobilization Plan announced by the War Department. Only dependent children count.

Q. I am expecting a CDD any day now. When I get it I want to convert my National Service Life Insurance policy. Will I have to wait until the 5-year-term is up?

A. You may convert your policy at any time.

Q. Does GI insurance have any loan value?

A. No. GI insurance is good only for a 5 year period and has no loan value. If you convert it into 20-payment life, 30-payment life, or straight life, however, your policy will have loan value then.

This Week's Funny Broadcast

New York (CNS)—The Japanese Domei Agency, in a wireless dispatch picked up here, reports "a shortage of cigarettes" in the U. S. "So acute is the shortage," the dispatch reports, "that many American women have taken up pipe smoking."

Allies Landed Million To Smash Nazi Wall

England (CNS) — More than a million men were landed in northern France during the first 28 days of the invasion in spite of the Germans' vaunted Atlantic Wall. Also landed during this time were 183,000 vehicles and 650,000 tons of supplies.

Keglers Come To Life with A Double Winner

Once again Letterman has a bowling team which is the newly organized team sponsored by the Letterman Post Exchange. This team is entered in the 750 Handicap League which is rolled at the Broadway Van Ness Alleys on Monday nights.

The Letterman Keglers have three new members on their team, Walter Yohe, Ceasar Michelotti and Theodore Otterstetter. Yohe, who used to bowl with the Letterman number one team about nine months ago but had to quit because of illness, is back to his old form and will be a great asset to this team. Ceasar Michelotti and Theodore Otterstetter are two new names in this column and so far both have proven that they are steady and capable of leading the team to victory any time the going gets tough.

Last Monday the medics tackled the Bechtel-McCone team and were lucky to get two games from them as Letterman was given a two pin handicap in every game and this handicap was the factor that won the first game for them. However, the Post Exchangers were far from being called Sad Sacks as they have already played 15 games and have won 12 of them which puts them out in front by four games.

The high man for the medicine men was Ottersetter who rolled a 550 series and he was followed by Yohe who came through with a 523 series. Next in line was Bell with a 477 series and he was followed by Michelotti with a 465 series Low man for the evening was Fuller who ran into trouble picking up his spares.

Following is the score of the evening's games:

Letterman

Bell	177	144	156	477
Michelotti	155	155	155	465
Fuller	144	158	139	441
Otterstetter	193	156	201	550
Yohe	185	153	185	523
Total	854	766	836	2456

Bechtel-McCone

Morando	202	144	141	487
Comer	170	195	186	551
Stauffer	145	141	178	464
Maniscaleo	155	121	173	449
Kuhns	183	151	201	535
Total	855	752	879	2486

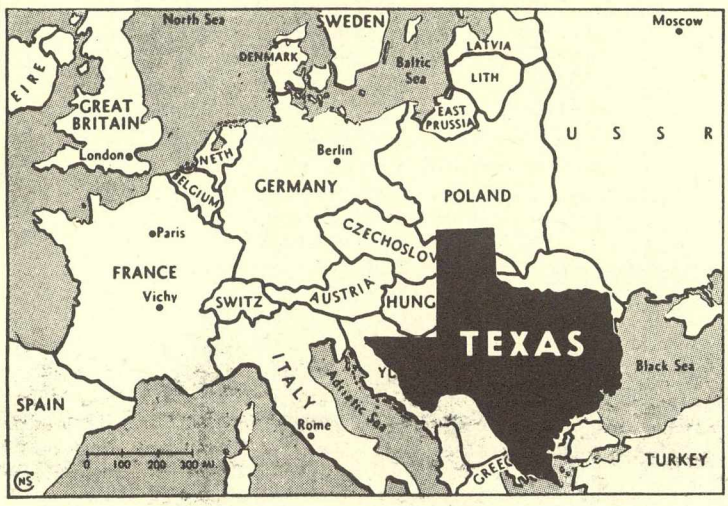
ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICE RED CROSS

For week of October 23 to 30

		Time	Place
MONDAY—			
"Rythm Rumpus" U.S.O. Camp Show Unit No. 12	SSO	1900	Rec. Hall
Scientific Spectacle—Irwin A. Moon, distinguished young scientist,	SSO&RS	1000	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—			
AFEC Entertainment—variety	SSO	1400	**Wards**
Scitentific Spectacle—Irwin A. Moon SSO & RS		1000	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—			
Captain of Port Battalion Band	SSO	1400	Patio
Scientific Spectacle—Irwin A. Moon SSO & RS		1000	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—			
Bingo Party—Given by Vittoris Colona Club	ARC	1330	Rec. Hall
Varieties from the Warfield Stage Production	SSO	1430	Dante Solarium Letterman Club
Detachment Dance	SSO	2000	
FRIDAY—			
AFEC Entertainment—Hunter & Scott	SSO	1400	Wards
Halloween Party—Girls—refreshments—Fun!	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—			
Make A Talking Record—Fudge Party. Come and make it and eat it!	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—			
San Francisco Junior Symphony Orchestra	SSO	1400	Patio
Harmonettes and Song Varieties	SSO		

A Study in Sizes



(Mat 112-688—Stencil 112)

The state of Texas (area: 267,339 sq. miles) is larger than France (212,659 sq. miles) and larger than Germany and Austria combined (225,256 sq. miles). But the population of Germany-Austria (79,375,281) is more than 12 times that of Texas (6,414,824), and the population of France (38,000,000) more than 5 times that of the Lone Star state. Allied armies in Europe already have conquered territory equal in size to Texas.

News From Home

Austin, Tex (CNS)—Cats know more about beauty make-up than women do, according to a beauty expert. "If you want to learn the basic principles of feminine charm study a cat while she's washing her face," he told a gathering of local ladies. "There's no living thing that knows more about make-up than the ordinary alley cat."

Brooklyn (CNS) — Axel Thorsen, arraigned on a charge of painting his wife's face white, explained that she had disturbed his morning slumbers by painting the kitchen.

Cambridge, Mass (CNS)—Miss Lorna Slacomb has 3 brothers overseas. So when a waitress, refusing her request for more butter, asked her if she knew there was a war going on, Lorna hit the waitress with a salad bowl. Now Lorna is awaiting trial on a malicious mischief charge.

Germantown, Pa (CNS) — The Philadelphia Common Pleas Court has restrained Clarence Courtney, 71, from getting a divorce from his wife, Margaret, 72.

Indianapolis (CNS) — Rudy Grosskopf, junior member of the firm of Nutz and Grosskopf, was seated in his office, looking into the street when a man walked by, smiled, waved at Grosskopf, smiled again, then stepped into Grosskopf's car and drove speedily away. Grosskopf hasn't seen man or car since.

Kansas City (CNS) — A local lady is suing a trio of trained seals. She claims that one of them fell over the footlights and into her lap while she was watching their act in a local theater. She received a sprained wrist.

Lansing, Mich (CNS)—A local resident, wed four weeks, asked the judge for a divorce. His complaint: "My eyeglasses were out of focus when I married her."

Madison, Wis (CNS) — Quentie Oliver, 9, fell into a well while trying to rescue his puppy, which had fallen in earlier. Attempting to rescue Quentie, a fireman fell in. All were rescued finally.

Montreal (CNS)—A local resident was carrying his 2-months old baby home from the hospital when he suddenly decided that the child was not his. So he left it with 2 small boys and went back to the hospital to claim another one.

New Augusta, Ind (CNS)—Mrs James McGoldrick has reported a botanical phenomena: spring violets growing in her back yard in October.

Washington (CNS)—An inventor has applied here for a patent on a machine that monograms waffles.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Colonel Ogg Joins The Exodus to New Posts of Duty

Leading the lengthening list of those leaving Letterman lately we find the name of Colonel Lester C. Ogg, Chief of the Dental Service, who was assigned to Fort Sill, Okla., and left for his new station on Friday. Colonel Ogg came to Letterman in December of last year and has been Chief of the Dental Service here since that time.

The colonel should be called an "old timer" even though his present tour was of brief duration. He came to Letterman the first time just 32 years ago and, like all who serve at this station, it holds a warm spot in his affections. That despite the fact that he has served at stations both at home and in our foreign possessions.

Another officer moving out is Major Oscar C. Helming, M.C., assistant to the Chief of the Medical Service. The major reported to Letterman in February 1941 as a first lieutenant and his successive promotions to Captain and Major were earned for his excellent work. He has been on the medical side ever since joining this station and was for a long time the ward officer on A-1 before moving down to the Chief's office. In addition to his other duties he was also Assistant Director for Army Emergency Relief. He left for his new assignment at Fort Lewis on Tuesday of this week.

Still another real "old timer" to take off is Captain Arthur L. Lundblad, D.C. who has been with us since January 1941. He has been Chief of the Prosthetic Section of the Dental Service and he left for his new station at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, California, on Friday of last week.

Another change of interest to Lettermanites is the assignment of Colonel William McEvers, at one time with us, to command Billings General Hospital at Indianapolis and exchanging posts with Colonel Harry L. Dale who will take command of the Oakland Regional Hospital. Colonel Dale has also served at Letterman in the days of long ago.

Also among the departed is 1st Lieut. Margaret M. Coty, regular in the Army Nurse Corps, who has been at Letterman since 12 December 1940—the longest tour of any among the present nursing staff. In private life Lt. Coty is the wife of 1st Lieut. Paul Coty, stationed at Camp Roberts, and she gives up nursing to become a housewife and mother.

Other orders are in the offing and we will hear more about them later.



Major General WILLIAM E. SHEDD, U. S. ARMY Commanding General for the Ninth Service Command who made his first official visit to Letterman on Wednesday.

General Shedd Pays First Visit to Letterman

Major General William E. Shedd, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, who recently assumed his new command, made his first official visit to Letterman General Hospital on Wednesday of this week.

General Shedd is a West Pointer and served with the Coast Artillery until selected for the War Department General Staff where he was Assistant Chief for Personnel, and more recently he was the Commanding General of the Caribbean Defense Command.

Accompanied by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman, General Shedd made his first stop at the Dante Annex for a thorough survey of the activities of that branch of the hospital and remained for luncheon as the guest of Lieut. Colonel Charles E. Cocks, Jr., assistant executive officer, in charge of the Dante Annex.

In the early afternoon General Shedd came to the main hospital where Colonel Brown S. McClintic, Executive Officer, Colonel Ross Paull, Chief of the Medical Service, Lieut. Colonel Russell H. Patterson, Chief of the Surgical Service, and Major Clinton V. Ervin, Asst. Chief of the Surgical Service, were waiting to greet and accompany him on a tour of inspection.

Visits were made to wards on the surgical side, the cast room, the operating room, the central service, the library, the solarium, wards on the medical side, the dental clinic, the mess in the main hospital and in the east hospital, the recreation center, the Medical Supply office and warehouse, the garage, the post exchange, and the Reconditioning division.

General Shedd indicated by the

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SAIPAN SAW THE MEDICS RIGHT IN WITH THE DOUGHBOYS

What the battle of Saipan was like for the Infantryman, how the doughboys fought with epic courage to smash that Japanese bastion in the Marianas, was described in simple, vivid and dramatic terms by Sgt. DeVere Rickey, 27, of 900 Hill Ave., Wilkinsburg, Penna.

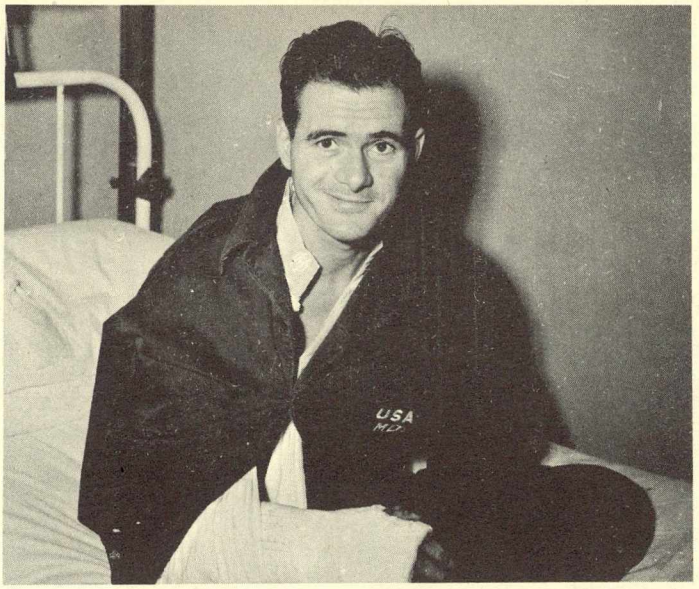
Sgt. Rickey, who was wounded at Saipan, was second in command of a rifle squad in the 27th Infantry Division. In an interview at Letterman he told how he and his comrades crushed the last point of Japanese resistance on the southern reaches of the island.

It was an action that was singularly typical of the dirty job the Infantryman must do in his close-range struggle against the stubborn and cunning Jap. In this operation, fought amid a mass of brambles on a surface of wickedly jagged coral, there could be no support from artillery or tanks or aircraft. The doughboy was on his own.

Sgt. Rickey's company assaulted and knocked out, one after the other, 14 Jap machinegun nests forming a strongpoint on South Point. This had to be done in a series of stealthy approaches, concentrations of rifle fire, and grenade charges. Earlier, attempts had been made to bring tanks up so that devastating fire from the armored vehicles could blast the Japs from their well dug-in positions. But because of the nature of the terrain, the tanks were ineffective.

"Well," said Sgt. Rickey, "we finally beat down all those nests, either flushing the Japs out with grenades or shooting them right in their holes. With the point cleared off we pushed on and ran into another strongpoint. I had three men with me, two Browning automatic riflemen and another man. I went around a high rock, which, I suspected, had Japs behind it.

"I was right. There were plenty of Japs there. Two of them flanked me. I yelled for help. My buddy, Sgt. Chuck Rogusky, started around the rock to help me, but it was too late. The two Japs who had me flanked fired at me simultaneously from a range of only a few yards. One got me in the right arm, the other in the right foot. If they had been firing American rifles, I guess, they'd have killed me for sure. But as it was, I was still able to walk. Under constant fire, I worked my way back 30 yards, where Chuck got to me.



Sergeant DeVERE RICKEY
Infantryman

"We were pinned down there under machinegun fire. But a medic crawled out to me, went to work on me with sulfa powder and morphine, patched me up, and stayed there with us until dusk. Then Chuck and a buddy of ours, Staff Sgt. Alvin Von Bargen of Reading, Ohio, near Cincinnati, and a Korean boy in our outfit improvised a stretcher out of two field jackets and carried me back to a point where a jeep could come up to the perimeter.

"Sgt. Von Bargen, by the way, was one of the best soldiers in the outfit. He was a great natural leader and had a way of keeping the men going even when they were ready to collapse from exhaustion."

Sgt. Rickey, who is a curly-haired lad with a pleasant visage and features that a film idol might regard with envy, was wounded on June 26, the tenth day of the Saipan battle. He had been in combat continuously, day and night, throughout that period.

He described his company's mission on the first day of the Saipan campaign. Japanese machinegun nests and mortar positions were honeycombed in a steep coral cliff. The Infantry company was ordered to take the cliff. To approach it, the doughboys were forced to cross an open cane field.

They headed toward the cliff, advancing cautiously. The Japanese, practicing one of the elementary procedures of warfare, allowed the doughboys to come within 100 yards of the cliff before resisting the attack.

"Then they opened up on us," Sgt. Rickey said. "They seemed to be able to cover every square foot of that field with fire. They cut off our support with their machinegun and mortar fire. We were pinned down there from 10 A.M. until nightfall, and every few minutes one of our boys would get hit. That was a disconcerting feeling, all right, to know you were stuck there like a stationary target, with the Japs blasting away at you.

"After dark, we dragged our wounded out. Then we regrouped. Don't think we ever for one minute forgot about our objective. We knew that cliff had to be taken and we knew we were the boys who were going to take it. Toward dawn, we pulled out from our original positions and hit the cliff from another angle.

"It was so steep we couldn't use mortars. We just took that cliff with an old-fashioned Infantry assault, going up a few feet at a time, digging them out of their holes with grenades, or shooting them or bayoneting them right in the holes.

"Man, it was tough. Guys were passing out with heat exhaustion. There were a good many times when I felt that I was going to pass out myself. But I couldn't let myself do that. I was a noncom, guys were looking to me to keep going, and I couldn't let them down. That's the thing about the Infantry. It's a feeling you get, a feeling of responsibility to the other fellows in your squad or whatever it is. You can't let them down.

"We took the cliff. That's the way the fighting was on Saipan. If we couldn't do a thing one way, we did it another. But we always did it."

Later, while Sgt. Rickey was under treatment in the battalion aid station to which he was taken after he was wounded, he had the harrowing experience of undergoing a Japanese "banzai raid" while lying helpless on his cot. The Japanese, he declared, made the aid station the objective of their raid. Worming through the American lines, the Japs stormed battalion headquarters area with rifle fire and grenades, and a pitched battle took place in the hospital tent.

"A medical officer who just a few minutes before had fixed me up with a transfusion was shot down by a drunken Jap," Sgt. Rickey said. "The Jap was killed a moment later. The raid was beaten off, of course, but we took a good many casualties, and the next morning the medical officer who had been attending me was lying on a litter right next to me, a patient himself."

With an earnestness of a man who has seen actions performed that would seem incredible to one who had not witnessed them, Sgt. Rickey spoke of the day-in-and-day-out bravery of his comrades, men like an Infantry medic who, shot through the leg, dragged himself along with the company, refusing to attend to his own wound until he had ministered to the other wounded.

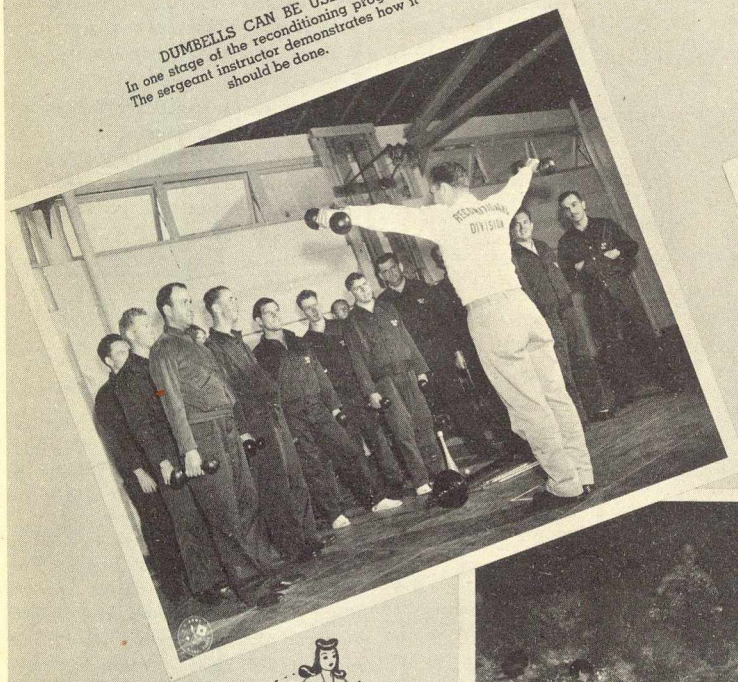
"And," he said, "there were men like PFC Bill Sanders (of 149 Walnut St., Belevue, Ohio), a Browning automatic rifleman. He knocked out a whole flock of Jap machinegun nests. He and another BAR man, Willard David, an Oklahoman, took turns running up to Jap nests and emptying magazines into them.

"A Jap threw a grenade that hit Sanders in the leg, knocked him over backward, but somehow didn't hurt him, and he came up still clutching his BAR and went right on to kill every Nip in that machinegun position."

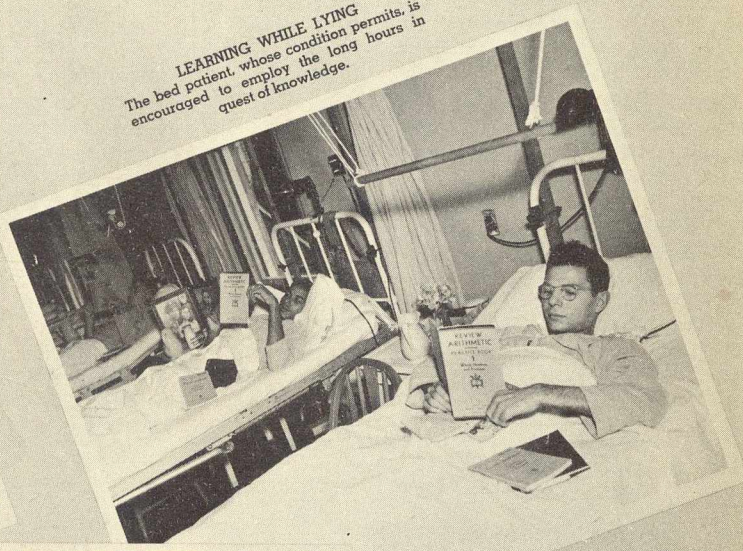
Sgt. Rickey, who now is well on the way to recover from his wounds, received his basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wolters, Texas.

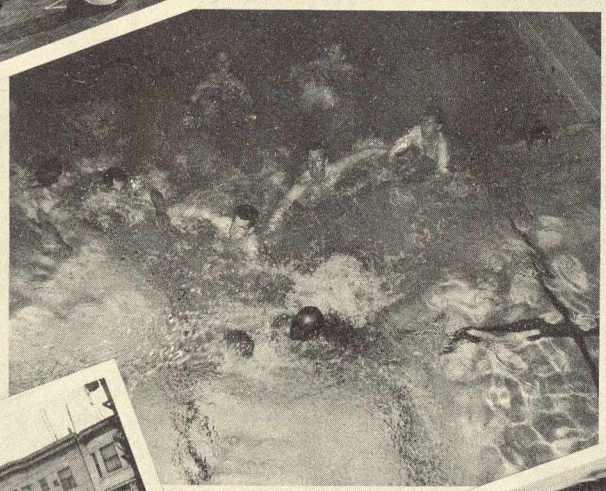
RECONDITIONING PROGRAM MAKES 'EM FIT TO FIGHT AGAIN

DUMBELLS CAN BE USEFUL
In one stage of the reconditioning program, The sergeant instructor demonstrates how it should be done.

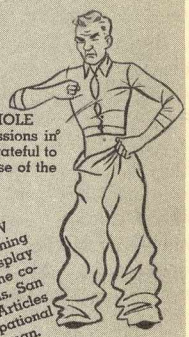


LEARNING WHILE LYING
The bed patient, whose condition permits, is encouraged to employ the long hours in quest of knowledge.

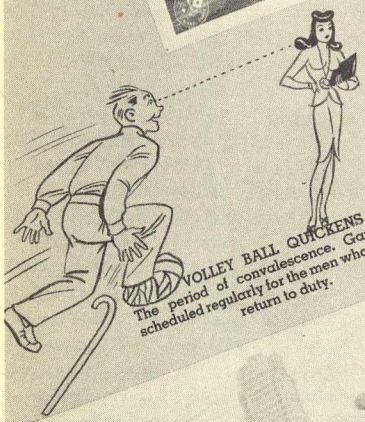




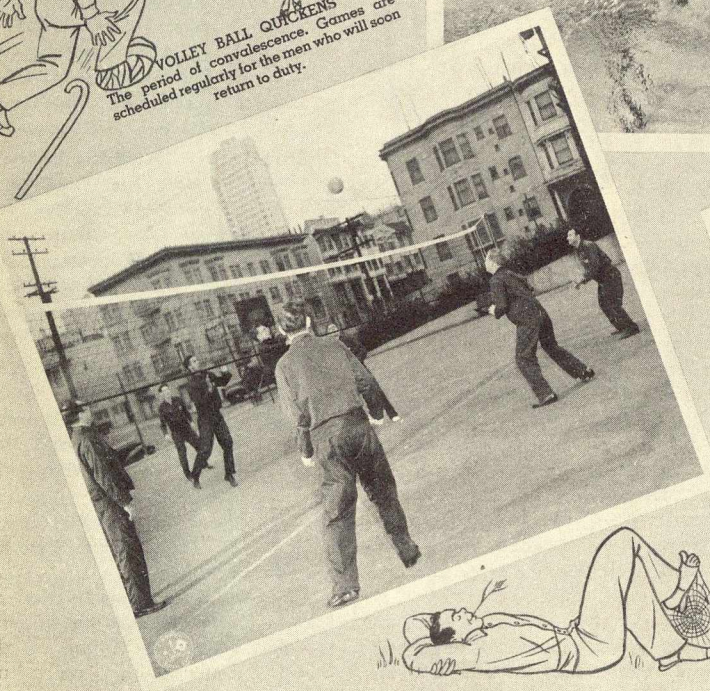
THE OLE SWIMMING HOLE
Is revived for very lively sessions in aquatic sports and we are grateful to the Presidio YMCA for the use of the pool.

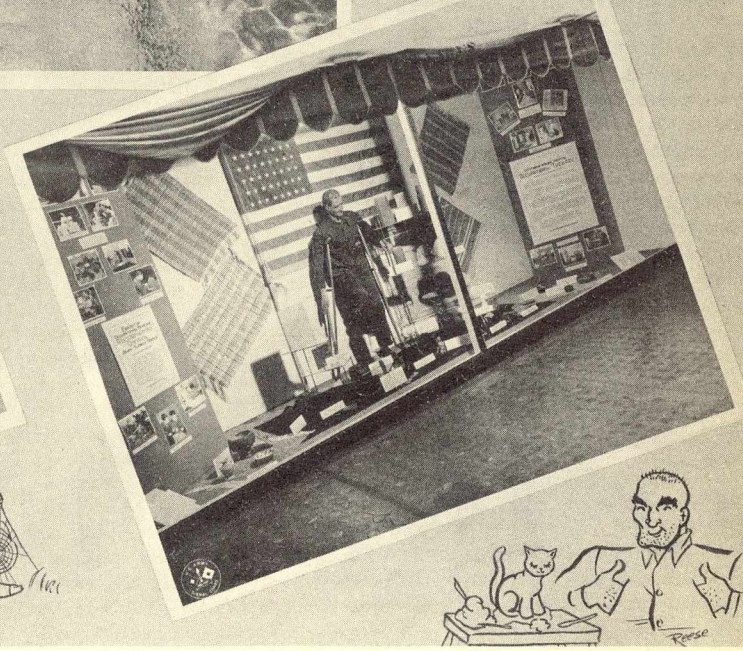


THE MAN IN THE WINDOW
Has not taken the reconditioning course at Letterman. This display was made possible through the co-operation of the City of Paris, San Francisco department store. Articles were made in the Occupational Therapy shops at Letterman.



VOLLEY BALL QUICKENS
The period of convalescence. Games are scheduled regularly for the men who will soon return to duty.







THE FOG HORN

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'Who's Calling'

One of our pet peeves is to call up some Lieut. Doakes and have a clerk answer with "Who's calling?"

The lieutenant is probably sitting at an opposite desk, and the bulk of the calls on that line are for him, yet in imitation of his idea of the big executive, he will not answer the phone himself. The clerk answers, learns the identity of the caller, points to the lieutenant with "It's for you," passes over the phone, and then Mr. Big announces himself.

A man of our acquaintance, who is an executive in one of the largest business enterprises in the city, makes it a habit to answer his phone in person. People calling him have learned that he will answer when at his desk and any delay is an indication that he is not immediately available. He saves time and is easy on the nerves.

Some day a control officer may be passing by, and from the depth of his innate wisdom, he could suggest that time and effort would be saved if officers in general should answer the telephones on their desks.

The practice of using a buffer to answer the phone is not limited to lieutenants. It has a wide range of devotees. We mention lieutenants but we are really playing a carom shot; it might bounce off and land higher up in rank.

What difference does it make "Who's calling?"



Back to Letteran again after a tour of duty overseas and this time receiving treatment instead of giving—is **2nd Lieutenant Audrey E. Osterhouse.** The lieutenant was first assigned to duty at Letterman in June of 1942 and left in May of 1943 when she was assigned to a hospital ship platoon. On this tour of duty she saw a good deal of the South Pacific and Australian areas.

A hearty welcome is extended to **2nd Lieutenant Betty E. Lewis** of Portland, Oregon, who joined the LGH nursing staff this week after a short tour of duty in New Guinea.

Lieutenant Lewis received all of her education in Portland and went in training at the Emanuel Hospital there. She joined the Army Nurse Corps in January 1943 and in the same month of the following year embarked for her overseas assignment.

Also a hearty welcome is extended to **2nd Lieutenant Bertha Koopmans** who reported for duty at Letterman after completing her basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Adieus were in order early this week when two old timers left the hospital and the army on terminal leave. They were **First Lieutenants Margaret M. Coty** and **Mary Lee Woolsey.**

With a desire to keep their group happy and contented and give them an interest other than their studies and work, a Student Body Organization has been established for the members of the Cadet Nurse Corps.

Last week elections were held for officers of the newly organized club and **Miss Golda Sloan** was voted president. Others were: **Miss Joyce V. Mitchell,** Vice President; **Miss June E. Haight,** Secretary-Treasurer and **Miss Blanche E. Wohlfert,** Student Body Representative.

The group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Lieut. **Mary Burnett** writes from "Somewhere in England" to mention that she and her sister, Lieut. **Regina Burnett,** plan on spending a holiday in Scotland. Chances are that Lieut. **Fran Wagner** will go along for the ride.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The Letterman Thrush adopting a domestic role in anticipation of the big inspection.

Major **Cleo E. Rumsey** heading for New York and promising to bring back plenty of stuff for the P. X.

Colonel **William McEvers,** over from Oakland Regional Hospital, for a visit and breaking the news of his assignment to Billings General Hospital in the Hoosier State.

Warrant Officer **Herbert L. Ligier** going back to S-1—the scene of his early labors in the command.

Sergeant **Harry Pomerantz** waving farewell to his two score temporary guests.

Corporal **Hugh Ashley** exhibiting rare ability to replace his bandsmen as fast as vacancies occur.

Mrs. **Rhonda Yarter** with no recollection of the week she spent in L. A. It was all so long ago; two weeks now.

Lieut. **William R. Moody** tuning into a radio producer with two shows a week on the Letterman network.

Only a few days to make the goal in the War Chest Campaign.

Miss **Helen Fogarty** holding up incoming patients for money and valuables—and doing all right.

Mission Hi Does It Again And We Are Grateful

The monthly visit of the delegation of students representing Mission High School of San Francisco took place on Monday afternoon when Mrs. Florence Millikin, counsellor, and four young ladies brought over to the patients 119 wrapped gifts for distribution to the men who have come back from over there.

Accompanying Mrs. Millikin were Mildred Gerner, low senior, and Phyllis Myhren, Mary Lou Thompson, and Patsy Stark, of the junior class.

The patients extend their thanks to the students of Mission Hi for their faithful generosity.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, October 29, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Nurses of 1960 Are Hostesses at Open House in New Qtrs.

The "Open House" party given by the nurses of the hospital trains with Service Command Unit 1960 at their quarters in the Presidio on Sunday afternoon turned out to be an unqualified social success and all guests had a delightful time.

The interior decoration of the reception room and the rumpus room had been completed for the occasion and there was a Halloween motif in the decorations for the party. Refreshments were served during the afternoon and the Alaska punch made a hit. Lieut. Girarde, who holds the recipe in secret, had to use a substitute for snow—and it was good.

Among those present during the afternoon were Mrs. Charles C. Hillman and Mrs. Algot R. Nelson. General Hillman and Major Nelson, commanding SCU 1960, were absent at a conference held at Fort Douglas over the week end and unable to attend the party.

Other callers were Colonel and Mrs. Horace S. Villars, Colonel and Mrs. Harvey F. Hendrickson, Colonel and Mrs. Karol B. Kozlowski, Major and Mrs. Lemuel R. Williams, Major Josephine Motl, Captain Mary Emery, Captain Ruth Wagner, and a large number of the nurses from Letterman as well as officers from the train unit.

The committee on arrangements appointed by Captain Mary Steppan, Principal Chief Nurse, were Lieuts. Helen Iola, Lillian Girarde, Norma Hultgren, Florian MacGregor, Edythe Hawthorne, Margaret Bishop, Julia Bishop, Lillian Dixon and Betty Hughes.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



GILBERT W. GRADY
Pvt., Med. Corps

"I was born in Fort Worth, Texas, but since the age of three have lived in Berkeley, California—where I received all of my education," says Private Gilbert Grady—selected as 'our buck of this week.'

After graduation from Berkeley High School the private crossed the bridge to San Francisco where he secured a job with a fire insurance company which was interrupted after a year and a half when Uncle Sam beckoned him to service in the armed forces. In January of 1942, Gil went to Monterey, Calif., where he took care of all his preliminary induction requirements and from there was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois where he experienced his first bit of army life. Just as he was becoming acclimated in that section of the country his unit was moved to the Alcan Highway in Canada, "—But my duty there was easy in comparison to what some of the other fellows are doing all over the world," says Grady after relating in lengthy detail—the many inconveniences of the wild and wooly north.

It was while on his tour of duty in Canada that he learned to iceskate and enjoyed many winter sports. In the summer there was swimming, fishing and hunting. All of these things enjoyed only when their work was done—and there were just a few spare minutes.

Toward the end of our buck's tour of duty, however, things became somewhat easier and everything completely established for the incoming replacements of those who were being transferred in accordance with the new rotation plan.

After a 30 day leave Gil was sent to the ASF Redistribution Center at Camp White, Oregon and there was reassigned to Hoff General Hospital. He was hospitalized two weeks for an ailment and then was transferred to duty here at Letterman.

AMERICA KEEPS PLEDGE TO THE FILIPINOS—WE ARE BACK ONCE MORE

By Camp Newspaper Service

The armed forces of the United States have returned to the Philippines to fulfill both a military necessity and a moral obligation.

Even if re-conquest of the Islands had not been essential to future large-scale operations against the east China coast and the Japanese mainland itself, we would have come back. For the Philippines have been our responsibility since they came under U. S. control in 1898 (following the Spanish-American war), and our government is solemnly committed, by Congressional resolution, to the restoration of Philippine freedom and early independence.

When Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines in March, 1942, to set up the Southwest Pacific Command in Australia, a few steps ahead of the invading Japs, he vowed he would return. And even in the early black days of the Pacific war, there never was any doubt that that pledge would be kept.

The six-months defense of the Philippines against overwhelming Jap odds by green American and Filipino troops was not only an epic of courage and endurance. It was a military contribution to the cause of United States victory of the first order, the full significance of which is only now becoming generally appreciated.

The men who fought in the jungles of Bataan and in the fields and caves of Corregidor gave us the necessary time to recover from the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor, to prepare for Australia's defense and to set up sea routes across the Pacific. Their fight was hopeless, but it was not in vain.

The first attack on the Philippines came about 10 hours after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 8, 1941. Virtually all American planes on the islands were destroyed before adequate counter-measures could be taken. Our main bomber force, at Clark Field, 40 miles north of Manila, our main fighter force at Iba field, and our planes protecting the Cavite Naval Base were all destroyed, many on the ground. Cavite was the operating headquarters of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet.

Following a strategy worked out many months before the attack, Gen. MacArthur declared Manila, the Philippine capital, an open city, and, on Jan. 1, 1942, withdrew his forces to Bataan Peninsula four miles from Corregidor. The original intention was to hold out for 60 days until reinforcements from the U. S. arrived, but the Pearl Harbor attack made any effective aid to the Philippine garrison impossible.

On Bataan, we were able to put only two combat planes in the air at the same time, while squadrons of Jap fighter planes and bombers ranged the skies bombing and strafing our men almost at will. For awhile, four light unarmed civilian planes, called the "Bamboo fleet," made regular night flights, bringing in supplies of quinine and other drugs.

The Bataan defenders had only one radio direction finder, one fully equipped anti-aircraft battery and one group of mounted 75's. A squadron of PT boats under L/Com. John D. Bulkeley performed heroically, sinking a Jap light cruiser, a 5000-ton transport and other Jap ships. But we were hopelessly outnumbered.

Nevertheless, while Singapore and Hongkong fell before furious Jap onslaughts, our men—almost all of whom were experiencing their first action—stubbornly held an estimated 200,000 Japs including thousands of battle-tried shock troops at bay until mid-April. Disease-ridden, exhausted from lack of sleep, without food or drugs, they endured unbelievable hardships. Crocodiles and pythons were reported slaughtered for food. Rice and mule meat was a staple of the diet.

Before the end came, as many troops as possible were evacuated to Corregidor to continue resistance, including some sailors and marines and 68 army nurses. But the Japs captured 35,000 American and Filipino combat soldiers, several thousand non-combatant soldiers and 25,000 civilians on Bataan.

At Corregidor, L/Gen. Johnathan Wainright, who had assumed command after Gen. MacArthur's departure, continued fighting until May 6, 1942, when the last organized American resistance on the Islands ended with the surrender of our forces.

Now—two years after they were driven from the Philippines—U. S. Forces have returned to the Islands. Today, backed by the mightiest military machine ever built by any nation, our troops are there to stay.

ON THE SPOT



Corporal OLIVER L. REESE
Infantry, Unasgd.

For ten years, as a civilian, Corporal Oliver L. Reese, Negro Infantryman, was the official barber for a regiment of Doughboys at Fort Benning, Georgia. And when war came and the 24th Infantry Regiment prepared to go overseas, the husky, good-natured barber decided that he 'just had to go along.' So he joined the Army.

As a rifleman on jungle patrols the corporal learned to make himself invisible as he moved through the dense growth, to maintain an eternal vigilance against Jap snipers, and to find his way through the trackless wilderness as easily as though he were walking across the parade ground at Fort Benning.

When his battalion was not in the front lines, they toiled on the beach, unloading ships pouring supplies into Guadalcanal. "Sometimes we'd have three or four air raids a day while ships were being unloaded but unless the Japs got awfully close we never stopped our work," said Corporal Reese. He revealed that even while bitter combat was in progress at the front, troops in the rear area at Guadalcanal continued their training. Rifle and machinegun ranges were built and the soldiers perfected their marksmanship within hearing distance of the battle.

The tall Georgian declared his outfit was efficiently led and included many unusually heroic Infantrymen.

"I'm mighty glad and mighty proud," he said "that I was able to be with those boys overseas. Back at Benning, I kept telling those fellows that some day they'd give the folks at home something to cheer about and I'm delighted that I was there with them when they did it." The corporal is the son of Robert Reese of Greenville, Georgia, and hopes, some day, to return to his barber chair at Fort Benning. "And I guess that I'll have quite a few things to talk to my customers about," he chuckles.

MEDICAL DETACH

A hearty welcome is extended to Staff Sergeants Raymond C. Schultz and Roger E. Williams who joined the Medical Detachment during the past week.

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Furloughs are still the order of the day and this week the following members of the detachment were fortunate ones: Tech. 5th Gr. Robert F. Miller and Private L. Harrison received 23 days; Sergeant Edward G. Bohanon—22 days; Tech. 5th Gr. Julius Cippa and Cpls. John E. Perkins and Dalton E. Poff—21 days; Privates James Riveroll and George H. Albertson—17 days; Tech. 3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox and Sergeant Percy E. Warren, Tech. 4th Gr. Christopher Cannon and Private Dale W. Ryner—15 days.

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Adieus were in order this week when the following men left the detachment: Tech. 5th Gr. Alvin J. Cheetham, Corporal Lowell W. Jackson, and Privates Harold G. O'Laughlin and Paul T. Hore.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

The expert amputation performed on Pvt. Ladd Kafflen's necktie by a local medico. 'Vocal' anesthetic was used.

T/5th Gr. John Barsocchini with that love light in his eye again . . . and again . . . and again . . .

T/4th Gr. Harold Junso back from Finance School and ready to put all he's learned to good use . . . It says here.

Sgt. Ed Blythin setting an all-time high for consistency: the same gal—the same place and the same time every day for all these many months.

Things We Can Do Without Dept.: Cpl. Bob Colvigs and Capt. Andrew Edwards rendition of the 'Sigma Nu Star Song.' And they'll do it at the slightest provocation. Take warning!

Tech. Sgt. Bill Mohic back on furlough and surprised at the paucity of familiar faces.

Cpl. Dalton Poff pronouncing the marriage vows at a quiet ceremony on last Saturday.

Cpl. Gordon L. Lockwood looking fit as a fiddle and sharp as a tack —just returned from furlough.

THE LADY COMES FROM BROOKLYN BUT SHE NEVER GETS TH "BOID"



1st Lieut. ELIZABETH E. FOSTER, A.N.C.
Assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse

Here's one girl who looked before she leapt and has never regretted the leap. First Lieutenant Elizabeth E. Foster, ANC, whose clear eyes are evidently as useful as they are ornamental, looked the situation over, and decided that it would not be long before the United States was in the thick of the war. Having no brothers or sisters, she felt that it was up to her to do something to represent the Foster family, so in November of 1941 she joined the Army Nurse Corps.

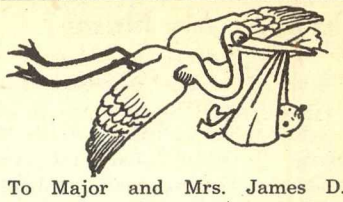
Her first assignment was at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, and in January of 1942 she was transferred to Letterman General Hospital. During her two years at Letterman, the lieutenant has served as a charge nurse in the orthopedics wards under Lt. Col. Oril S. Harbaugh and Major George T. Aiken, both of whom are now gone from the hospital, and more recently, in the position she now occupies, as assistant to the chief nurse.

Lieutenant Foster is well fitted for her work in the Army Nurse Corps. She comes from a medical family, and at an early age decided that she wanted to follow along the same lines professionally as her doctor father. At the Florida State College for women, she took her premedical studies, but circumstances intervened, and she went to St. Johns Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, where she acquired her R.N.

She is an accomplished equestrienne and is frequently seen riding around the Presidio. In addition, and known to fewer of her friends, although her very pleasant voice might suggest it, she sings and accompanies herself on the piano. Before joining the army she frequently sang at entertainments. In spite of the fact that her present life doesn't leave her much time to indulge in her singing, she likes the army very much. Unless marriage interferes with her plans, she intends to continue as an army nurse.

She is enthusiastic about California and offers a reason for her liking that might well be adopted by the Chamber of Commerce. "Fifty miles driving one way," she says, "and you can skii—fifty miles the other way and you can take a dip in the ocean." We'll admit that's an endorsement that would be hard to beat.

We add a little postscript to the effect that even though Lieutenant Foster claims Brooklyn as a home, there's not a "dese" or "dose" about her. And she is a thorough Lettermanite by adoption, anyway.



To Major and Mrs. James D. Twohig a son, James Lawrence, born 19 October; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Philip G. Pierpong a son, Philip Gardner III, born 20 October; weight 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Leslie White a daughter, Joan Leslie, born 16 October; weight 6 pounds 3 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Ralph S. Cless, Jr., a son, Ralph Stanley III, born 17 October; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Carl William Hudgins a son, Carl William Jr., born 18 October; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To Tech. 4th Gr. and Mrs. Stephen Reichmuth a son, Stephen Otto, born 21 October; weight 5 pounds 10 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. James G. New a son, James Douglas, born 17 October; weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. Erasmo Cafferata a daughter, Edna Marie, born 18 October; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

ANSWER TO WHAT'S MY NAME?

Here is the answer to this week's "What's My Name" contest which you'll find on page seven of this week's FOG HORN.

Joseph Goebbels.

WAR CHEST

Collected ..$1221.19
To get 778.81

Have You Given Yet?

Whats' My Name?

Here's another in a series of "What's My Name" quizzes designed to keep you better informed on our world leaders at war. "What's My Name" is adapted from the radio quiz of the same name conducted every Thursday morning in the Recreation Center by Art Linkletter, popular NBC radio celebrity.

Test your knowledge. Here's how to score yourself. The right answer on the first clue makes you esoteric and gives you 100%. On the second clue you become brilliant and get 75%. The third clue is good for 50% and a rating of intelligent. After the fourth clue you score 25% and that makes you just a plain human.

When you think you know turn to page six and check with the right answer.

CLUE NO. 1

I was born on October 29, 1897 in Rheydt, Rhineland. I entered the Nazi party in 1922 and came to Berlin in 1926 where I was appointed Gauleiter for the Berlin-Brandenburg district. I reorganized the party in 1926 always plotting and intriguing against Gregor Strasser, the chief of the Propaganda Department. I had him removed finally in the purge of 1934. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 2

My newspaper "Der Angriff" is one of the most vicious Nazi papers in Germany but it is a great power in the Nazi party. I am disliked even by my close friends but I'm always backed by Hitler who claims my propaganda conquered Northern Germany for the Nazi movement. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 3

I am the author of the book "Kampf um Berlin" and I'm probably the biggest demagogue of all the Nazi leaders. My literary products are perverse, cynical but not great art. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 4

I am short and club-footed and I have been Reich Minister of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda since March 15, 1933. What's My Name?

MORE ABOUT GENERAL SHEDD

nature of his questions to the personnel in the several departments that he possessed a broad insight in the operations of a general hospital and expressed his satisfaction with the well ordered command that is Letterman.

LETTERMAN HAPPY TO HAVE THE SERVICES OF CHAPLAIN LEVINSON



Chaplain (1st Lieut.) NATHAN LEVINSON
Who will have additional duty at Letterman

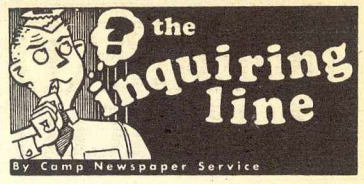
Chaplain (First Lieutenant) Nathan Levinson, who recently reported for duty as assistant to the Post Chaplain at the Presidio, is also available to the personnel of Letterman for his ministrations and services. His field includes, in addition to Letterman, the Oakland Regional Hospital, and Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park, Calif.

Chaplain Levinson is on leave from his pulpit in that tongue-twister of a town, Kalamazoo, Michigan. He studied at the Lewis Institute, at the University of Chicago, and in 1937 was ordained from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

His application to the army was approved in May of 1944, and he entered active duty at that time. His first assignment was with the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, where he served for four months before coming to the Presidio. He likes the job, which he says "offers a tremendously wide field of personal service."

In addition to his interest in his work, Chaplain Levinson's hobby is books, and he has built up an extensive library in his home in Kalamazoo. He doesn't limit himself to any particular subject matter in his reading, and his books run the gamut in theme. An amusing incident in his army career resulted from his liking for reading. He was asked to make up a list of books to be placed in the chaplain's library on board one of the transports. As an experiment, he asked a San Francisco librarian and a Berkeley librarian to make up a list of 600 popular books. He made a similar list. From these he picked 400 books which all three had mentioned and cut these down to the 150 which offered the widest range of interest. Of the 150 the army censor eliminated 40.

The chaplain is a quiet, likeable man, and we are glad to welcome him to this vicinity, and hope his stay with us will be a long and pleasant one.



Q. Can I keep my dog tags when I'm discharged from the service?

A. No. Even if you want 'em, you can't keep your dog tags. They must be turned in with other government equipment when you're discharged.

Q. Will a GI's service in the armed forces of 1 of the United Nations count toward point credit in the War Department's Demobilization Plan?

A. Such service in the armed forces of Allied nations AFTER Sept 16, 1940, will count. However, no credit will be given for foreign decorations.

Q. It was my understanding that wives and children of enlisted men were entitled to care at Army hospitals in posts where the EM were stationed. I can't get my wife into our camp hospital. What's the rule on this? Please give authority.

A. Wives and children of enlisted men are entitled to care at Army hospitals only "when accommodations for care are available." The Post Commander is the final authority in each camp for determining if accommodations are available. (AR40-590)

Q. Is there any special benefit payable by reason of the death of a person in service?

A. Yes. Besides insurance there is the death gratuity equal to 6 months' pay at the rate the man was receiving at the time of his death.

Psychologists Can Get Direct Commissions

Washington (CNS) — The War Department, according to an official BPR release, dated Oct. 10, has authorized the direct commissioning as second lieutenants of enlisted men qualified by education and experience as clinical psychologists, with opportunities for appointment open to those considered best qualified.

Clinical psychology is defined as psychological work involving direct contact with individuals or investigation of individual behavior, such as psychological testing, mental hygiene work, counselling, guidance, assembling and analyzing case histories, college psychology teaching, or care of the mentally or physically handicapped.

Minimum education requirements are a bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology, or educational or individual psychology. Applications will be forwarded through immediate commanding officers to the Officer Procurement Division of the Service Command.

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

The Champ Comes Home

"Do you think the next heavyweight champion will come out of the Army?" Sgt Joe Louis was asked on his return to the U.S.A. from a 6-months' tour of the ETO.

"Sure," said the champ. "Whattaya think he'll be, a 4F?"

Louis fought 96 exhibitions—an average of 3 a week—before 600,000 GIs during his tour. Of all the guys he fought, he said the 2 who gave him the most grief were Johnny Evarb (spell it backwards), a 185-pound quick-as-a-cat amateur from Oakland, Cal, and George (Baby Dutch) Culbertson, from Brooklyn, who tangled with the champ in Italy. "He's the hardest puncher I've faced in years," said Joe of Baby Dutch.

The champ said that his trip abroad was great. "The boys liked it," he said. "I know they liked it, so I liked it, too." But the thing that impressed him most about his trip was the hospitals.

"I was at the front in Italy for a couple of days," he told a group of New York sportswriters, "and I was in plenty hospitals. You don't talk much about them things. But you fellows always write about courage in prizefighting. You don't know about courage. I know about it now. Those fellows got it."

Are Ball Players People?

Although the New York Giants finished a sorry fifth in the National League pennant race, their manager, Melvin Ott, views the season just concluded as a successful one. "After all," he reasons, "we finished ahead of Them Bums." . . . Sporting News' annual baseball awards went this year to Slats Marion, octopus shortstop of the St Louis Cardinals, and Bobby Doerr, Boston Red Sox second baseman. Hal Newhouser, Detroit; Bill Voiselle, Giants; Bill Nicholson, Cubs, and Snuffy Stirnweiss, Yankees, received honorable mention. . . . Stirnweiss, who succeeded the great Joe Gordon at second, will remain at that post in the Yankees' post-war infield with Gordon shifting to short, according to George Weiss, vice president of the New York club. . . . One-armed Pete Gray, Memphis outfielder and most valuable player in the Southern Association, will play for the St Louis Browns next year. Just before the season ended Pete was visited by a one-armed 9-year-old Los Angeles boy and Gray belted a triple, a double and 3 singles for the kid.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For week of Oct. 30 to Nov. 6

		Time	Place
MONDAY—			
Patient's Halloween Party	SSO & ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—			
AFEC Entertainment, Variety Acts	SSO	1400	Wards
Gray Lady Birthday Party— All patients invited!	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—			
"High Jinks" U.S.O. Camp Show Unit No. 1	SSO	1400	Patio
THURSDAY—			
"High Jinks" U.S.O. Camp Show Unit No. 1	SSO	1900	Rec. Hall
Bingo Party—By Commodore-Sloat School Ladies	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—			
Glen & Dorothy Hulbert	SSO	1400	Ward S-1
PARTY—Cards, games, girls, refreshments!	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—			
"Espanola"—Spanish dancers & singers Informal hour after entertainment	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall

THE YANKS IN EUROPE



(Mat 113-694)

Squeezed between France and Germany, Belgium has frequently been overrun by their contending armies. Among its famous battle fields are Waterloo of the Napoleonic wars, Liege and Ypres of the first World War, and Mons, where battles were fought in both world conflicts. Just across the Belgian border, in Germany, lies Aachen, where Yank troops bettered the Germans in one of the most decisive fights in the present war.

News From Home

Ashfield, Mass (CNS) — Mrs Mildred Reniff is patriotically heeding the government's advice. She is making her old car last as long as possible. The car is a 1914 Model T Ford.

Bend, Tex (CNS)—Bill Mulligan, 73, recently bought a pair of shoes—the second pair he has purchased in 15 years. Asked why his shoes lasted so long, Mulligan explained: "I never wear socks."

Chicago (CNS)—One local lady likes her husband okay except when he's stewed. Then he always spills whiskey on her rugs. So she has secured a court order restricting her husband from coming home after he has nibbled the grape.

Denver, Col (CNS) — Mitchel Sadewitz peddled his high-wheeled bicycle into Denver recently, enroute to California on a coast-to-coast bicycle bond-selling trip. He is making the trip, he said, to prove that "the bicycle is here to stay."

Grand Falls, Mont (CNS) — "Dinner's ready, dear," Mrs Frank Rogers called to her husband, who was repairing the roof. Mr Rogers responded rapidly. He fell through the roof and the ceiling, landing in his regular place at the dining room table.

Los Angeles CNS) — Dolores Lozana awakened with a start. She thought she saw a "thin man" standing at the foot of her bed. She screamed and kicked at the intruder savagely—and fractured her toe on the bedpost.

Muncie, Ind (CNS)—Indignant when a cop threatened to arrest her as a jaywalker, a local lady flattened the officer with a blow from her umbrella. She's in the pokey now.

Minneapolis (CNS)—In a fit of whimsy Lester Mark bought 6 watermelons at a fruit stand, then smashed each on the sidewalk. Later he smilingly paid a $15 fine on an intoxication charge.

New York (CNS) — It didn't take Bright-eyed Benny Fasula long to get acquainted with big city banking ways. Hired as a teller by a large trust company, he left 10 days later with $17,000 of the bank's funds in his pocket. Unable to spend his loot, which was in $100 bills, Benny then surrendered to police.

Philadelphia (CNS) – "Thirty Minute Gertie," a local character, was arrested by police recently. Her offense, complained the law, was that she sought work as a maid, worked for 30 minutes, then left "with everything in the house that wasn't nailed down."

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Soldiers Blood Goes To Battle-Front in France

Whole blood from the soldiers stationed in England is being received by their wounded fellow soldiers on the battlefields of Europe. It is flown to them in transport planes operating on the trans-Channel supply route from depots and airfields in England to the landing strips on French beaches. A recent flight of transport planes included one laden with cans about the size of a ten-gallon oil drum. In each were ten separate pint bottles of the life giving fluid, packed beneath a tray of ice to preserve its miraculous qualities, and five hospital-sterilized recipient kits. This type of packing and delivery makes it possible for the blood to be given to a casualty in France in a little less than two hours after the take-off from the Army airfield in Britain.

Behind each insulated container of blood is a story of Yankee ingenuity. Notices posted on bulletin boards of United States Army unit orderly rooms and officer clubs throughout Britain call for volunteers of universal blood type "O."

Four "bleeding teams" with Army medical officers in charge, using refrigerator trucks, visit the units to receive the blood in the same manner as it is taken in the Red Cross drive for plasma in the United States.

The teams are met by refrigerator trucks which take the blood to the European Theater of Operations Blood Bank, where it is subject to a new process which prepares it for injection and uses dextrose to vitalize the blood. Formerly, blood drawn prior to actual time of administering could be kept only eight to 11 days; dextrose processed, it can be kept for 21 days, and under ideal refrigeration, for as long as 40 days.

It is then sent to refrigerators at a medical supply depot near the take-off point for the planes. From there, it is rushed to the airfield in a weapons carrier emblazoned with red and white "Medical Emergency" signs flying the international signal of mercy, the Geneva Red Cross, from flagstaffs on each front fender. At the field, it is loaded immediately on the waiting planes.

This handling cuts to a minimum the time that blood is out of refrigeration.

After the first boat shipment of whole blood, plane service was inaugurated, and it may soon eliminate boat shipment entirely. This plane service is now in daily operation.

Doctors in the field have heralded whole blood in favor of plasma for its property of preventing shock, which often follows serious injury and surgery under combat conditions.



Plasma made from soldiers' blood is flown to other soldiers at the front.

Letterman Goes Over The Top On War Chest Drive

With a goal of two thousand dollars, Letterman Hospital on the last day of the drive for the San Francisco War Chest, went over the top by hitting $2,135.85. From Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, comes the following message to the military and civilian personnel who made the drive a success.

"Letterman General Hospital continues to live up to its reputation of meeting fully its obligations, be they professional, philanthropic or otherwise. Through the generous contributions of both military and civilian personnel the War Fund quota has been oversubscribed. The Commanding General desires to commend the command on its fine response to the call for donations to support the many worthy activities maintained by the War Fund."

The San Francisco War Chest is affiliated with National War Fund, a federation of 22 great war relief agencies, and includes the Community Chest of San Francisco. It is established for the duration of the war and appeals once a year for all major war relief agencies and voluntary community services except the American Red Cross. This year's goal of $3,792,742 combines San Francisco's obligation to the Community Chest for local service.

Welfare-minded citizens, working in budget study committees for each of the four groups of Community Chest agencies—health, family welfare, child welfare and youth guidance—examine in detail the needs and operating expenses of each agency in relation to the community needs and resources in that field. Other citizens interested in com-

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BIG GUY FROM MISSISSIPPI IS BAD MEDICINE FOR JAPS

Technical Sergeant Louin L. Autrey, 27, is a redheaded stalwart. In his Infantry combat boots he towers well over six feet. His shoulders are massive. He looks like just the Doughboy with whom it would be extremely unwise for a bandy-legged Jap to tangle in hand-to-hand combat.

But a Jap, Sergeant Autrey said, "who must have wanted to keep a date with his ancestors," made that mistake one night near Aitape. The Nip slithered through the darkness, knife in hand, crawled into Sergeant Autrey's foxhole, and attempted to cut the sturdy Infantryman's throat.

"I choked him to death," the sergeant said at Letterman in an interview. "That was just about the only thing I could do. I took the knife away from him and he tried to grab one of my grenades. I figured he wanted to take me along with him to keep that date with his ancestors, so I got a grip on his throat and kept squeezing until he was dead."

Sergeant Autrey, who fought in New Guinea with the 31st Infantry Division—the "Dixie Division"—was wounded by enemy machinegun fire while leading an Infantry rifle platoon in a drive up the Diunimor River. The officer platoon leader became a casualty.

Four bullets tore into his right hand. Shattered by three other bullets, his left arm dangled limp and useless. But for a full 10 minutes, according to his buddies, Sergeant Autrey refused medical aid, accepting it only after he was satisfied that he had issued the proper orders to his platoon for a knockout attack on the Jap machinegun position.

The sergeant is the son of Mrs. Stella Autrey of R.F.D. 1, Columbia, Mississippi. When interviewed, he was en route to a general hospital at Jackson, Mississippi.

It was a matter of satisfaction to him that he should be sent there, he said, for Jackson is the home town of his company commander, Captain Aubrey (Jack) Griffin, whom he described as "one of the greatest soldiers and the best officer I've ever known."

Sergeant Autrey said he was within 20 yards of the Jap machinegun nest that put him out of action when a sudden hailstorm of leaden slugs ripped from the Nip gun.

"I was so mad," he said, "I could have bawled. Naturally, I didn't want to leave until I was sure my boys could knock that gun out."



Technical Sgt. LOUIN L. AUTREY
Infantry

When he was ordered to the rear, he refused to be carried. Despite weakness from loss of blood he insisted on walking the mile or more to the battalion aid station because, he said, "our litter bearers already had all the work they could handle."

Sergeant Autrey is unwilling to admit that anything he did in combat was more than "just my job." He was glad, however, to describe the gallantry of his buddies, singling out for special mention Technical Sergeant Paul C. Hood of Collinsville, Alabama.

"One of our best men, as good a man as I ever met, Staff Sergeant Harold Moore of Marion, Alabama, was hit by machinegun fire during the same advance in which I was wounded," the Columbia fighter said. "Sergeant Hood crawled up to get him. It was a brave thing to do, but what he did after he had started was even braver.

"He was hit three times by machinegun bullets and a fourth time by a shell fragment. But he kept right on going. The Nips were firing at him directly, aiming their bursts at him and he knew it, but that didn't stop him. He reached Moore and dragged him to cover. It was too late. Moore had been fatally wounded. But if there ever was a gallant attempt to save a buddy's life, that was it."

Sergeant Autrey told also of the valor of the company medical aid man, 'Doc' Roche, who, he said, "crawled right under the nose of a Jap machinegun to give first aid to a wounded man."

The two favorite weapons of Sergeant Autrey were the M1 rifle and the Browning automatic rifle (BAR). He had a particular affection for the BAR, he said, because it gave him the feeling of "really making the Japs pay."

"I remember once," the sergeant said, "when I was covering a trail with a BAR and three Japs came down the trail. I waited until I knew I couldn't miss, then let go a burst that sort of caught all three of them and slapped them against a big tree as if they were pinned there."

In the Aitape fighting, the rugged Mississippian commented, there was scarcely a night in which the Japs did not attempt to infiltrate through his company's perimeter. They tossed grenades, slashed with knives, and tried to disorganize the American Doughboys. Which, he added, the Nips never succeeded in doing.

It was in such a sneak attack that the unfortunate Japanese whom Sergeant Autrey choked to death had the poor judgment to crawl into the big fellow's foxhole. As a souvenir of that grim occasion, Sergeant Autrey acquired the dead Jap's rifle, which he was permitted to ship to his mother's farm near Columbia.

"The worst thing about fighting the Japs," said the Infantry sergeant, "is that you have to live as they do. We burrow into the ground like animals a good part of the time. We wash out our clothes and put them on while they're still wet because we haven't anything to change into. And it is going hungry, doing without sleep, and just piling up hate until the only pleasure you get is killing Nips."

But—and this indicates the amazing spirit of the front-line Infantrymen—the sergeant added that he wished he could go back to his outfit to help them continue the job of Jap-extermination.

Sergeant Autrey, who was a farmer before he entered the service, received his basic training with the 31st Infantry Division at Camp Blanding, Florida. Besides the Purple Heart for his wounds, he wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

MORE ABOUT WAR CHEST DRIVE

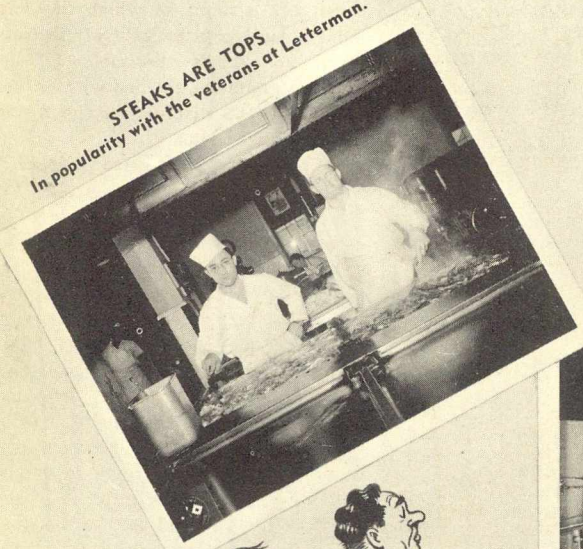
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munity welfare serve on the overall Budget Committee. They pool the findings of the study committees and work out a budget of minimum needs for the consideration of the board.

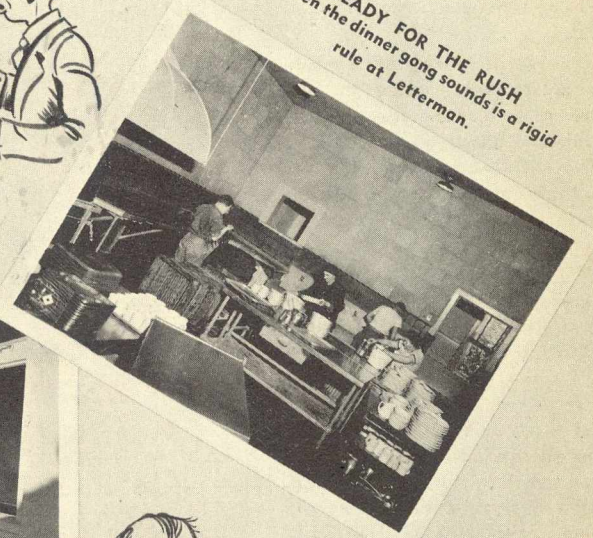
The Community Chest's share of War Chest funds is used for local health and welfare services which supplement and are coordinated with activities of tax-supported agencies.

LETTERMAN MESS PLANNED TO SUIT ALL TASTES

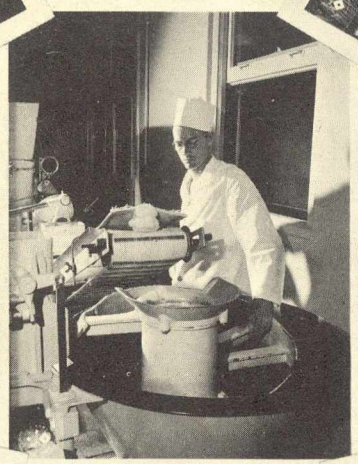




STEAKS ARE TOPS
In popularity with the veterans at Letterman.

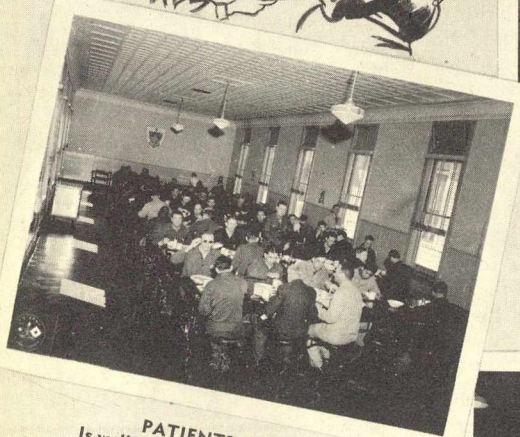


READY FOR THE RUSH
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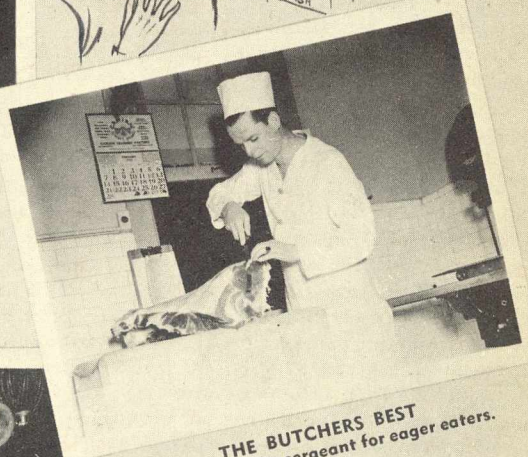








A MODEL OF THE MODERN
Is the equipment for aids in food preparation.



PATIENTS MESS
Is well attended and well tended.

THE BUTCHERS BEST
Is carved by the sergeant for eager eaters.





KITCHEN DECOR
Is plentiful in the kitchen when the dieticians check over food.



THE FOG HORN

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Soldiers Return

Brigadier General Norman Randolph, commanding general of the Pennsylvania District of the Third Service Command, in a recent address to a group of mothers, asked the following favors of them:

"1. Don't expect your sons and daughters to return home immediately upon the cessation of hostilities in Europe. The war is far from over even when Germany gives in. The Army will still need many of your sons and daughters to finish the job at the other end of the Axis.

"2. The second favor is that you repeat my last remarks to your neighbors. Tell them that the Army will do all in its power to release as many men as possible as it can spare them. Any premature discharging of soldiers would endanger those brave men now fighting valiantly against the Japanese.

"Every man and woman in the armed forces has this assurance that when he or she finally emerges from a separation center, his or her country is going to bend every effort and offer every help to restore him or her to a happy American way of life against the background of peace."

Let's not be premature in relaxing our efforts to win!

Shrewsbury, Mass (CNS) — A cop stopped a speeding motorist. "What's your name?" he growled. "Demetrius Papodomkontopolous," the driver replied. "Never mind," the cop said, tearing up the ticket.



We bid a hearty welcome this week to **2nd Lieutenant Virginia Scheibeman** who joined the nursing staff of LGH early this week. After completing her training at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon, she joined the corps on 4 April 1944. She then completed her basic training at Camp White, Oregon, and was sent on her first assignment to Birmingham General Hospital in Van Nuys, California. From Birmingham she came to Letterman.

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Also greetings are extended to **2nd Lieutenant Charlotte M. Ward** reporting for duty after a short tour of duty overseas. Her assignment here at Letterman is on ward A-1.

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The only news from the 1960th is the complaint of **Lieutenant Lillian Girarde** against poor 'Henry's' behavior of late. It seems the hill has been getting him all wound up and now he sputters around on a take-off like a P-38.

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Cadet Nurse **Charlotte D. Hunter** proved her ability as an orator on Wednesday of this week when she appeared at the Commerce High School to give a talk on the advantages of nurses training. She admits her trend of the talk was just a little partial to the Army.

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'A grand time was had by all' we might say about the cadets who were in the swimming party of Tuesday night at the YMCA here at the Presidio on ladies' night. Those who were present at the swimming party were: **Evelyn Loomis, Golda Sloan, Anita Franklin, Rose M. Beam, Claudina Villa, Norma J. Young** and **Viola Maggini.**

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The three nurses wandering around the hospital with that hazy glow in their eyes are not walking in a daze as one might thing, but are still in the process of recuperating from their leaves; **1st Lieut. Ann Rose** went home to Idaho with her sister who resides in Oakland, and had a simply marvelous time.

1st Lieut. Alice M. Curto went home to Smithcreek, Nevada, where she took advantage of every outdoor sport you can imagine—there was fishing, hunting, swimming and horseback riding. "And," she adds, "the Indian Summer up there was simply beautiful."

Not to be outdone — **1st Lieut. Pearle W. Lewick** also went home to Lincoln, Kansas, and when she arrived there she found the Lewick family there in full force, all home for a real family reunion including her brother who returned after two and a half years in New Guinea. With eyes sparkling Lt. Lewick told of the season open for hunting pheasant—and in the same breath of what a wonderful cook her mother is!

THE OBSERVER SAW

Lt. Coonel Ray L. Allison paying a short visit to his old haunts at Letterman.

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Sergeant Harold Junso, Private Bob Anderson and Sergeant Herb Goldstein going into a huddle over a new radio broadcast to be given at Letterman for music lovers.

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The physiotherapy branch graced by three new and decorative second lieutenants, Lieutenant Marian Lucas, Lieutenant Ruth Fitch and Lieutenant Christine Beach.

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Captain Westwood Copland visiting with old friends at Letterman after returning from Italy as pilot of a B-17.

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A variety of bow-ties, as sported by Mr. Elwin Stone, rapidly becoming the envy of the Post.

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Miss Elaine Wintch with that listening look on her face that means she'll soon be hearing wedding bells.

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Corporal Rex Lutz proudly displaying snapshots of his young son, the future Jack Dempsey, brandishing a very convincing pair of fists encased in boxing gloves.

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One of the former outpatient officers, Captain Morton Myer, strolling down the ramps of Letterman.

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Miss Frances Clark of Special Service showing great partiality to the Navy. It's almost treason.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, November 5, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

G. I. Milkshakes

Two ladies who run the Tip Top creamery in San Francisco have been quietly helping to grant one of the first wishes of G. I. Joe. The two ladies are Mrs. Farrar and Miss Peterson, and the wish they have been granting is a generous supply of milkshakes for the returned veterans at Letterman. In answer to a Red Cross questionnaire answered by men in the South Pacific, the report came back, that of the ten things they would most like to have at the moment, a milkshake came first. Second on the list was a thick juicy steak, and fourth was a beautiful girl. The third remains a mystery.

For several months now, the two ladies have been furnishing milkshakes to from 50 to 125 patients in the wards of Letterman. The ladies, who are sisters, have not yet had an opportunity to see the delight on the faces of the men who have tasted these extra special milkshakes, so we take this opportunity of extending thanks to them for their kindness.

GIs in Philippines Followed Magellan

Washington (CNS) — GIs, by driving into the central Philippines and landing on Leyte Island, followed in the footsteps of Magellan, who discovered the islands 400 years ago.

Suluan Island was the first land Magellan sighted in the Philippines in 1521 and was the site of the Americans initial landing too.

Northampton, Mass (CNS) — Asked her denominational preference, a Smith College freshman answered: "I like to be called Betty."

BUCK OF THE WEEK



PHILLIP J. RICHTER
Pvt., Med. Cps.

The honor of being featured as 'buck of this week' befalls Private Phillip J. Richter, who is on temporary duty with the medical detachment here — and selected because of his good humor and of course his 'private' status.

The private was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, almost 23 years ago and he remained in that vicinity practically all of his life until he entered the army. He received all of his education there and at the age of thirteen secured work at a corner drugstore and remained with it—progressing as time elapsed until he finally became a full-fledged pharmacist. For even while going through high school and attending the University of Minnesota he worked his way by doing something that was to be of benefit to him in future years. He took a four-year college course and studied Pharmacy—thus fulfilling his life ambitions.

Upon completion of his college studies, Phil worked as a pharmacist for just six months before he received his greetings from Uncle Sam inviting him to join the Army. When he reported to his draft board for induction he was assigned to the medical branch of the service and sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas, for his basic training. From Texas he came to California—Camp Stoneman, to be specific—and there he was assigned to a hospital ship platoon.

During the time between assignments to hospital ships, the platoon to which he belongs is attached to Letterman Hospital on temporary duty.

Pvt. Richter is married and his wife resides in Minneapolis—the city to which he will hurry when the world is once again at peace. There he plans to establish his own drugstore and settle down to raise Phillip Juniors.

TIPS ON FIRE PREVENTION FROM MAN WHO KNOWS THE RULES

Chief William Dineen, for two years Fire Chief at Letterman, has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Arthur E. Miller, Fire Chief of the Presidio, as well as continuing with his duties at Letterman.

When the Letterman Fire House was completed William Dineen took over. He is a retired Captain of the Omaha, Nebraska Fire Department, where he served for twenty-four years. In that period of time he became acquainted with every type of fire, and the methods for combating them. As the Chief expresses it, "not only have I spent a quarter of a century fighting fires but I have a cousin who is at present Fire Chief in Omaha and also another cousin, a fire Captain who is fighting fires in Nebraska." Our fire-fighter comes by his ability quite naturally.

Chief Dineen tells us that, while the best equipment available is at hand to combat fires, cooperation of the military and civilian personnel on the post is essential, and preventive measures will aid a great deal in reducing the damage, loss of life and delay to the war effort occasioned by fire. His suggestions for preventive methods are as follows:

1. Be careful with smoking, ashes and rubbish, particularly in wooded or brushy areas.
2. Make sure matches are put out; break in two before throwing away.
3. Be on the lookout for fire when vehicles are driven into high grass; high dry grass can ignite from the exhaust.
4. Do not smoke or light matches in the vicinity of gasoline installations.
5. Never leave an open fire unattended, even for a short period of time.
6. Use only safety matches.
7. Never throw lighted cigarettes or cigars into brush, leaves or dry

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Return to the Philippines



(Mat 114-700—Stencil 116)

This is the initial setting for the second battle of the Philippines, to which Gen Douglas MacArthur's forces have returned in fulfillment of a promise made 2½ years ago when the Japs drove us out. Arrow points to tiny Suluan Island, on which 1st American landings were made. Main landings followed later on Leyte Island, where we have secured beachheads, consolidated our positions and landed reinforcements and planes.

ON THE SPOT



Sgt. JAMES CAIN
Infantry

First Sergeant James Cain, an Infantry "medic" of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, who was bombed by the Japs at Pearl Harbor and was with the advance wave of General MacArthur's troops in Dutch New Guinea is selected as 'On the Spot' this week since he pays such glowing tribute to the courage of the fighting doughboys with whom he served.

D-Day at Hollandia was the busiest day of his life, admits our hero, and continues, "We pushed inland, into a valley, our objective was the Hollandia airdrome. The Japs occupied a ridge overlooking the valley, and they shelled, machinegunned and shot at us all day and all night. Until our riflemen—and man, let me tell you there's no braver soldier in the world—could drive them off that ridge, it was wicked going.

"As well as I could, I patched up far more men than I could count. Time after time, I dressed ugly, painful wounds and those doughboys, refusing evacuation, went right back into the fight. You can't beat spirit like that, as the Japs soon found out."

Making light of his own work under enemy fire, Sgt. Cain told of a medical officer 'who goes down in my books as a real hero.'

"The officer I am talking about," he went on, "is Captain M. Harris, one of the most skillful surgeons I have ever seen. One night while working on an amputation case under heavy shelling and fire the doctor was hit by a shell fragment in the knee—but the captain kept right on operating while some of us bandaged him up."

More stories of praise for his buddies followed as he tells more harrowing experiences and then concludes with, "There just never was a time when a man could relax. But those boys surely proved that they could take it.

MEDICAL DETACH

Lucky GIs are those who received their furloughs this week. They were: T/5th Gr. Charles H. Loyer, Pvt. Robert G. Ashby, each with 21 days; Pvt. Karl L. Kaffle, 19 days; Pvt. Wenduel E. Frielund, 17 days; Sgt. Wilbur James and Pvt. James P. Petrinovich each with 15 days and Cpl. Anton J. Sterr with 10 days.

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Soldiers come and soldiers go—and this week leaving the detachment with our best wishes are: Private John S. Robokoff and Private Earl Czapkiewcz.

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Interesting to See:

The number of Detachment men insisting that last Thursday dance was the best to date. Come and see for yourself next Thursday!

S/Sgt. Merle C. West making excellent progress with his All-Star basketball team and promising that the team will give an excellent account for itself in each competition.

Pvt. Harry C. (for Crisco) Agruss making his bid for Watermelon eating champ of the post.

T/4th Gr. Filbert J. Quiroz supplying background organ music for the Personal Affairs broadcast. (Sounds like a real soap opera now.)

Sgt. John V. Ryan being promoted to first Maracca man with the L.G.H. Orchestra. But Good!

M/Sgt. Henry "Dickie" Kuntz breezing up to the 3rd floor and giving an excellent imitation of a leaking steam valve. Must be getting old, Henry . . .

Sgt. John James scratching his head and trying to figure out who the mysterious "Marian" is who calls him daily.

T/5th Gr. Robert Moore beating M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz in checkers. (How'd ya do it, Moore?)

Pvt. William Peavy hauling in a school of fish every time he throws out his line—much to the envy of the Letterman Walton followers.

Sgt. William Schlichter, formerly of the detachment, back for a visit and telling us of his ups and downs since he is now a medical man in the paratroopers.

Pvt. Bob Anderson having just oodles of fun on Halloween—calling people up at all hours of the night. (Cher chez la femme!!!)

LETTERMAN HUMMING BIRD REALLY A THRUSH—YOU'LL LIKE HER



MRS. KATHLEEN THERESA TRACY
A bright spot in the Sergeant Major's office

It will always be a mystery how a young lady born in the frigid wastes of Alaska managed to develop such a warm and friendly personality but anyone acquainted with Mrs. Kathleen Theresa Tracy will testify to her perennial good humor and let the question go unanswered. Her dad is an "old army" man and was stationed at Wrangel when Kathleen made her debut, and she has been an army girl all her life. It was at Fort Meade, S. C., that she finished her schooling at St. Martin's Academy, then to a business school in San Francisco while daddy was assigned to the Presidio.

Kathleen is no mean singer so she got herself a job as secretary to the production manager at Radio Station KFRC and proceeded to double in dramatics on the side. Next came a position in the Signal Office at the Presidio where she remained for two years though still managing to keep up her vocal work.

Kathleen, being Kathleen, could not resist the darts of Cupid indefinitely and on 26 October 1943 she became the blushing bride of Captain Sheldon C. Tracy—and after all this time she can still blush. In time the captain finds himself wound up in AMG — Allied Military Government to you—and off he goes to Europe.

Again Kathleen, being Kathleen, decided to resume work and Letterman is grateful for that decision. She reported to the Sergeant Major's Office on 25 May 44 and the place has never been the same since. Master Sergeant Jacobs smiles a lot, Mrs. Beswick smiles, Mrs. Collison smiles, Bernie De Lucca smiles, and even the adjutant is observed smiling more than ever.

Kathleen has three brothers with the armed forces and her daddy, Lt. Col. Lloyd Wardell, is with the Army Air Forces at Truax Field in Wisconsin, while she makes her home with mother in San Francisco.

By reason of her birth in Wrangel we could call her a "husky" but because she does a perfect job as chanteuse with the Letterman band we prefer to call her the "Letterman Thrush"—and we think she likes that too.



To Major and Mrs. Howard F. Cooper a son, Donovan Kent; born 26 October; weight 8 pounds 11 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Richard W. Haines a daughter, Mary Virginia; born 23 October weight 10 pounds.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Justus J. Geist a son, James Justus; born 28 October; weight 8 pounds 12 ounces.

To Flight Officer and Mrs. Frank J. Keel a daughter, Frances Anne; born 28 October; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Bertram D. Janes a son, Eric Bertram; born 28 October; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. James M. Hitchcock a daughter, Katherine Allen; born 25 October; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Walter E. Kannely a son, Walter Edward; born 28 October; weight 8 pounds.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Raymond I. Lang a daughter; born 29 October; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. John M. Fischer a son, Lawrence John; born 28 October; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph W. Fochetti a son, Dennis Edwin; born 28 October; weight 6 pounds.

MORE ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION

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grass; always stamp stubs and pipe ashes into the soil when discarding them while in or near woods.

8. Take necessary steps to see that dry grass and other inflammable matter is cleared at all times from the immediate vicinity of all structures.

9. Children should not be permitted to build fires or play with matches in wooded and grassy areas.

10. Cooperate in every way possible with your fire-fighting unit.

Here is the answer to this week's "What's My Name" quiz which you'll find on page seven of this issue of the FOG HORN.

Lt. General Jonathan Wainwright.

What's My Name?

Here is another in a series of "What's My Name" quizzes offered in the FOG HORN as a means of keeping you better informed on our world leaders at war. "What's My Name" is adapted from the radio quiz of the same name conducted every Thursday morning at 10 in the Recreation Center by Art Linkletter, popular radio star of NBC.

Test your knowledge of our world leaders. Here's how to score yourself. The right answer to "What's My Name" after the first clue gives you a score of 100% and makes you a four star esoteric. The answer after the second clue deals out 75% and makes you brilliant. After the third clue you get 50% and the rating of intelligent. On the last clue you get 25% and you become an average human being. When you think you have the right answer turn to page six and check yours with the correct one.

CLUE NO. 1

I was born in Walla Walla, Washington in 1883. I spent my childhood on army posts since both my father and his father before him were both famous fighting men. I graduated from West Point as a "first captain" (like Douglas McArthur in 1903) and I was assigned to the famous First Cavalry. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 2

I was sent to the Philipines to fight the Moros on Joro almost immediately after my first assignment. Back to the U. S. I married my childhood sweetheart, Adele Holley. I was a polo player and a crack pistol shot. The polo playing, by the way, bowed my long legs. I fought with the old 82nd Division in World War I. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 3

In 1940 I was sent back to the Philippines to Manila where, as a Brigadier General, I was placed in command of the Philippine Division and later I was raised to the temporary rank of Major General. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 4

When the Japs struck the Philippines on December 8th I was second in command to General MacArthur and my rank was Lieutenant General. Our historic defense of those islands is now legend. I was left to accept the terms of surrender and I'm now a prisoner of war on the Island of Formosa. They call me "Skinny." What's My Name?

THE MAIL MUST GO THROUGH— THE CORPORAL SEES THAT IT DOES



Corporal JOSEPH PAUL SANSONE
Who is number one man in message center

Being chief of message center is a job that can make one either the most popular or the most unpopular man on the Post, according to Corporal Joseph Paul Sansone, who holds that position. All mail for the officers, the bulletins and circulars, admission and departure sheets, and correspondence for the administration building is distributed by message center. The corporal is either beamingly greeted as the white haired boy of Letterman when there is lots of mail, particularly of the perfumed variety, or scowled upon when the supply is scant.

Corporal Sansome claims Columbus, Ohio, as his home town. He left the wholesale fruit and vegetable business, in which he worked with his father, to volunteer for the Army. But at that time the Army was refusing men over 28, so he did not enter active duty until March, 1942, when he was inducted at Fort Hayes, Ohio. He took his basic training at Camp Grant, Illinois, and was subsequently assigned to the Medical Corps and Letterman Hospital. He went to work in the message center immediately as a messenger, and has worked up to his present position there.

The corporal is not a man to waste time. On his first furlough he sent for his schooldays sweetheart and was married in Reno. Mrs. Sansone is now in San Francisco with him. Apart from his enthusiasm for aiding Cupid with the mails, Corporal Sansone is a race fan. He fondly recalls the time he placed a bet on a tip that really came in, with odds of 50 to 1, and the car he bought as a result, to say nothing of the new clothes and visits to the nightspots of Columbus. This last was really more or less in the way of business, he tells us, for in addition to his other work he had a club of his own in Columbus.

San Francisco has won the Sansones completely, and now that his father has retired after fifty years in the wholesale fruit and grocery business, the Corporal hopes to settle here after the war and start a night club of his own in San Francisco. And if he lives up to his father's record for perseverence, and we rather suspect that he will, his hopes should materialize. We wish him luck.

News From Home

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—A motorist ran into the rear fender of Michael Cerone's car, climbed out, surveyed the damage and drove on. When Cerone returned he found this message written in the dust on the top of his car: "I hit you."

Chicago (CNS) — Lee Cooper, 39, was arrested for strolling down the street in the nude. In court he explained to the judge that he "hadn't noticed" he was undressed.

Cincinnati (CNS) — A passing thief broke into the local Archbishop's home, bathed in the Archbishop's tub, dressed in some of the Archbishop's clothing and escaped, leaving his dirty underwear behind.

Des Plaines, Ill (CNS) — Mrs Frances Raber won a divorce from her husband on the claim that he once doused her with a pan of hot chicken gravy. "He was always so particular about how I prepared his gravy," Mrs Raber recalled.

Detroit (CNS) — Women war workers here are now permitted by law to wear red slacks to work if they wish.

Enid, Okla (CNS)—Lefty Bentley tippled merrily until 2am, then wandered homeward. He climbed a flight of stairs, tumbled into bed and went to sleep. The next morning he awoke to discover that he had spent the night in a neighbor's bedroom.

Houston, Tex (CNS) — When Mr and Mrs Martin Mayton came home from church Sunday morning they found local firemen squirting their roast beef with a hose. The precious stuff had caught fire in the oven.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Al Meyers spent all his gas coupons to get 10 gallons of high test fuel in his auto tank. Then, when he tried to start his car, it wouldn't run. His 5-year-old son, Jimmy, knew why. "I heard you talking about the gas shortage," Jimmy remarked. "So I filled the tank with water and vitamin pills."

Montreal (CNS)—The Canadian government has rejected an applicant for a constable's job with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The man was turned down for physical reasons. He is 9 feet, 10 inches tall.

New York (CNS)—New York housewives have been advised by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia to follow their butchers into the icebox when they grind the hamburger. "If he doesn't let you into his icebox," the mayor added, "just telephone me."

Letterman Keglers Are Drubbed by Federated Metals

The Letterman Keglers received a drubbing at their last game in the 750 Handicap League, rolled at the Broadway-Van Ness Alleys this week. This means they have now lost their lead of four games and are now in second place. The team ran into a streak of hard luck when one of the regular players, Sgt. Michelotti, was absent due to an accident.

The medics had to give their opponents, Federated Metals, a 3 pin handicap for the first two games and a four pin handicap for the third game. However they did win the first game by a margin of 11 pins. The metal men proved their strength in the last game when they beat the medicine men by 60 pins.

High man for the Post Exchange Bowlers was Otterstetter who rolled a 482 series and he was followed by Bell who came through with a 457. Next was Williams, who replaced Michelotti in the line-up, with a 437 and close on his heels—Yohe with 427. The low man for the pill pushers was Fuller who bowled 382. He just seemed to be jinxed all evening by the fact that his hook would not break.

High honors for the evening went to Caldwell of the Federated Metals who broke into the 500 class by bowling a 548 series. Low man was Heres also of the opposing team, with a final total pinnage of 379 for the series.

Chances are slim that the PX bowlers will come into first place again but 'where there's a will—there's a way,' they say.

Following are the results of the night's games:

Letterman				
Bell	156	136	165	457
Williams	137	142	158	437
Fuller	151	117	114	382
Otterstetter	144	159	179	482
Yohe	132	154	141	427
Total	720	708	757	2185
Federated Metals				
Lewis	152	116	154	422
Mathis	97	150	132	379
Smith	174	146	108	428
Caldwell	138	166	244	548
Heres	145	128	175	448
Handicap	3	3	4	10
Total	709	709	817	2235

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For week of Nov. 6 to Nov. 13

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
Patient's Dance	SSO & ARC 1830	Rec. Hall
Fun for all! Plenty of Girls!		
TUESDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	SSO 1400	Wards
Variety show from local theaters, radio and night clubs.		
WEDNESDAY—		
Popular Song Musical Quiz	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—		
Detachment Dance	SSO 2000	Letterman Club
FRIDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	SSO 1400	S-1
ARC Trio—local group contributing free time.		
"Football Frolic"—patients party	ARC 1830	Rec. Hall
Girls invited! Refreshments		
SATURDAY—		
"Popcorn Party"	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—		
Pacific Chorus	SSO & ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
Musical Program—23 girls.		

Polly Cadet . . .



WARMIN' THE BENCH

SPORTS

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

College Humor

Most famous of all football feuds was the one between Harvard and Princeton, which was climaxed by a mighty brawl, the severance of gridiron relations between the 2 schools and the end of the famed "Big 3" football tradition.

The last game before the split was enlivened by a joke appearing in the Harvard Lampoon, published the day of the game, in which a cute young thing asked an ape-like creature if he were a Princeton man.

"No," was the reply. "A horse stepped on my face."

The Princeton players didn't forget THAT when the game got underway.

Blue Plate Special

The rumor persists that medical discharges loom for both S/Sgt Joe DiMaggio and Pvt Spud Chandler, of the New York Yankees. Jolting Joseph is drydocked in San Francisco with stomach ulcers and Chandler is on limited duty. . . . Pistol Pete Reiser, Brooklyn Dodger star, also is reported awaiting a CDD. He suffers from migraine headaches incurred when he ran into the centerfield wall at St Louis several seasons ago. . . . GIs at home and overseas will get a cut in the St Louis Cardinals World Series winners' stakes. The entire receipts of the 6th series game, along with $100,000 paid for the radio broadcasts and a portion of the profits from the 3rd and 4th games were turned over to the War Relief and Service Fund. . . . The Washington Redskins have trained 2 men to replace Slinging Sammy Baugh when Sammy ain't playing for them. Frank Filchok, an ex-GI, does the passing, and Bob Seymour, tailback, the kicking. Neither can match Baugh on the defense, however. . . . When Ty Cobb fell into a batting slump, he used to start bunting with a fungo bat and work his way up to where he was swinging with all his old drive. . . . Lt Frank Leahy, the Notre Dame coach, is stationed in the Pacific where he supervises recreational activities at a bunch of submarine bases. . . . They have a whale of a football team at Camp Peary, Va, this year, coached by L/Cdr Red Strader, formerly of St Mary's. Among Strader's victims were the Washington Redskins, who fell, 33 to 27, to the Camp Peary 11 in an exhibition game.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Col. L. R. Moore New Surgeon Ninth Service Command

Brigadier General John M. Willis, Surgeon of the Ninth Service Command since October 1943, will leave soon for an important overseas assignment, Major General William E. Shedd, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, announced today at his Fort Douglas headquarters.

Colonel Luther R. Moore, former commanding officer of Woodrow Wilson General Hospital at Staunton, Virginia, succeeds General Willis as head of all medical installations in the eight far-western states of the Ninth Service Command. He will assume his new duties immediately.

A veteran of 34 years' service in the Army Medical Corps, General Willis attained his present rank in April 1941. Before coming to Fort Douglas he was Commanding General of a large medical replacement training center at Camp Grant, Illinois. Previous foreign service for General Willis has included tours of duty in Hawaii, Philippine Islands, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Willis, who has been with her husband at Fort Douglas, will reside in Erie, Pennsylvania, while the general is overseas. Their only son, Major John M. Willis, Jr., Army Medical Corps, has been visiting his parents at Fort Douglas prior to their departure. He is commanding officer of a medical battalion in overseas training at Camp Swift, Texas.

Colonel Moore returns to familiar territory in his new assignment as Ninth Service Command Surgeon, having spent nine years of his Army career in medical installations of the command.

From 1937 to 1941 he was assigned to Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California. His wife and two children have since maintained their home in that city.

Colonel Moore entered the Army Medical Corps in 1918 and has served in Panama and Alaska. As Surgeon of the Alaska department from 1941 until 1944, his second assignment to that territory, he was closely associated with the Kiska and Attu campaigns in the Aleutian Islands.



Welcome visitor to Letterman—Miss Jane Darwell, veteran actress of stage and screen, being greeted by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman Hospital, on her recent visit to the hospital. Miss Darwell who won an academy award for her performance in "Grapes of Wrath" is currently playing in Ibsen's "A Doll's House," at the Geary theater. During her visit to the Letterman wards she was kept more than busy giving autographs to the patients.

Generals of Ninth Service Command Guests

Before going on to see the Army-Navy War Show "San Francisco Attacks," a distinguished group of high-ranking officers of the Ninth Service Command and their wives were honored by a dinner given by Mayor Roger D. Lapham of San Francisco. The dinner was held at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in the Room of the Dons on Thursday, November 9.

Present at the dinner were Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman Hospital, and Mrs. Hillman; Major General and Mrs. John L. Homer, commanding the 4th Anti-Aircraft command; Brigadier General and Mrs. William H. Wilbur, Chief of Staff of Western Defense Command; Brigadier General and Mrs. Wallace DeWitt; Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general of the Ninth Service Command; Brigadier General and Mrs. Ralph E. Haines, commanding general of Northern California Sector; Brigadier General Aubrey C. Strickland, of the Air Force; Brigadier General and Mrs. Milton O. Boone, commanding the California Quartermaster Corps, Brigadier General and Mrs. David P. Hardy, commanding headquarters and headquarters Special Troops, Fort Ord; Brigadier General and Mrs. Charles H. Kells, commanding the San Francisco Port of Embarkation; Rear Admiral Carlton H. Wright, commandant of the 12th Naval District; Vice Admiral David W. Bagley, commandant of Western Sea Frontier; Major General and Mrs. Joseph C. Fegan, commanding Department of the Pacific, and Vice Admiral and Mrs. John Greenslade.

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TOUGHER THEY COME THE BETTER THE SERGEANT LIKES IT

Battles are won on the performance of the individual soldier under fire, and the Silver Star decoration worn by Staff Sergeant Louis R. Estrada, Infantryman from Walnut, California, near Los Angeles, carries the story of such a performance.

The "gallantry in action" of then Private First Class Estrada at Tambu Bay, southeast New Guinea, during the Salamaua campaign, was credited in the official citation with playing an important part in the capture of a hill held by the enemy.

Sergeant Estrada is a good-looking young man of 24 with a quiet and easy laugh. Recently evacuated to the United States after an injury on Biak Island this summer, he filled in some of the details of that day at Scout Track Hill in an interview recently.

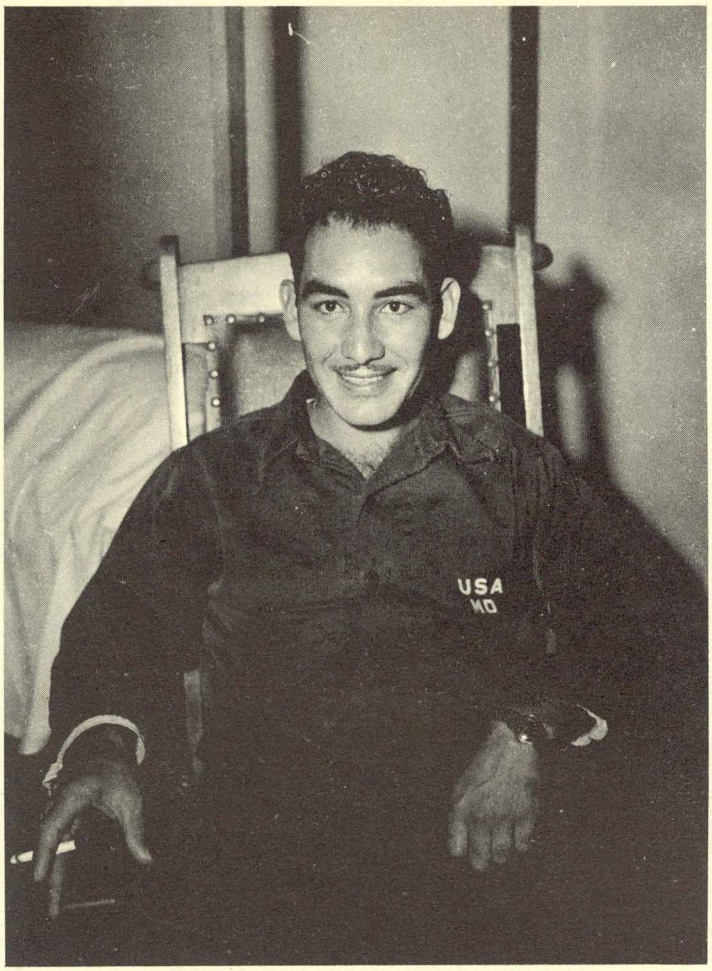
"I've just had to tell my dad all about it," he said. His father, Reginald Estrada, of Parlier, California, has a lot more to hear about the sergeant's 30 months overseas, however.

"It was August 26 of last year," he related. "We had gone in a couple of weeks before, and my company was stalled by Japs who had a strong position in front of us. They were on Scout Track Hill and we were on a smaller knob, separated from them by a draw. We'd been attacking several days, but they had made the draw too hot for us every time we tried to go through.

"My platoon went up on a patrol that day, making our way up a narrow hogback-ridge approach where not more than two men could move abreast.

"We got within about 20 yards of the Jap lines before they opened up on us and hit the corporal who was second in command. The scout and I—I was third man in the column—got him back to a crater where he had some protection. The two of us went back up and set up my BAR (Browning automatic rifle) then, but the scout was hit in the shoulder while we were doing it. After I helped him back to a medic, I got back to the BAR, where I was able to shoot at the pillboxes on both flanks and most of their positions in the center."

The citation told of how the rifleman stayed there pouring fire into the Jap positions until he was wounded himself by a fragment from a small-caliber explosive shell.



Staff Sergeant LOUIS R. ESTRADA
Infantryman

"We withdrew then," the sergeant continued, "But our mortars gave them hell that night, and the next day we took the hill."

His outfit took part in the Hollandia invasion, but the California Doughboy described that operation as "a picnic," compared to the jungle fighting around Salamaua."

"But the closest a crazy Jap ever came to me was in Hollandia," he recalled. "A big 200-pounder jumped into a hole a few yards away from mine one night. There were two of our men in there, though, and one of them, who was as big as the Jap or bigger, grabbed him right by the seat of the pants and the nape of the neck and threw him out of the hole. The Jap came back with his pistol out and they grappled again. He grabbed the Jap's arm and the pistol went off and shot the other man in the hole through the heel. His buddy tossed the Jap out again, though, and they shot him that time—for sure."

They went to Biak, a little coral island just north of Dutch New Guinea, on May 29 of this year. It was no picnic.

There was little opposition on the beach on D Day, the sergeant said, but the second day was one to remember.

"We just walked up the beach," he said, "and the Japs let the first part of my battalion out on the airstrip before a strong force ambushed us. The platoon in which I was a rifle squadleader wasn't hit so bad. We covered the right flank while the platoons up in front fought their way out to the beach.

"That night we dug in and stayed there, and the next morning we really mowed them down. They came in with their tanks, charging in and yelling and one of their bigshot officers at the front, waving his saber.

"When they got about 40 yards from us, we let them have it. After that attack, there were 35 or 40 dead Japs out in front of my platoon's area."

Sergeant Estrada was in action on Biak a week before a jagged piece of coral conspired with enemy snipers and a machinegunner to gang up on him.

"Five of us," he said, "were out on a patrol late one afternoon when they started shooting at us and we had to hit a swamp in a hurry. A machinegunner had the road covered and snipers had us pinned down so we couldn't move in any other direction.

"I tore a bad gash in my knee against a sharp piece of rock, but there wasn't any way we could get out. We were there more than five hours. The tide finally came in on us, and we made it by swimming out into the surf and around the Japs."

The sergeant, who formerly worked for a Los Angeles furniture factory, was inducted in October, 1941. He joined the 41st Infantry Division after basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Roberts, California, and arrived overseas with the division in April, 1942.

San Francisco (CNS) — Lightning struck twice for unhappy William Santos-Barboza, two weeks after his completion of a two-year stay in jail as a draft dodger. William was arrested again—on the same charge.

MORE ABOUT GENERALS OF NINTH

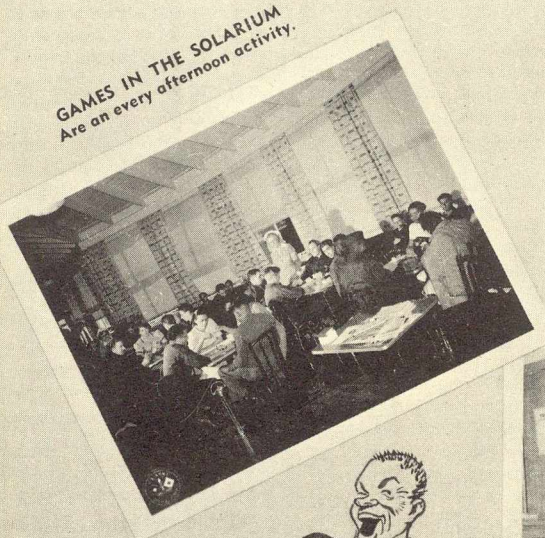
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General Shedd, General Wilbur and Rear Admiral Wright were the speakers of the evening.

The Army-Navy show, which ends with tonight's performance, utilized all the material of modern warfare, with commando-trained troops giving a realistic performance of a seige of a Jap strongpoint in the South Pacific. Other features of the show were a medical field demonstration, an artillery attack on a Jap building, and a demonstration of commando tactics by the Seabees.

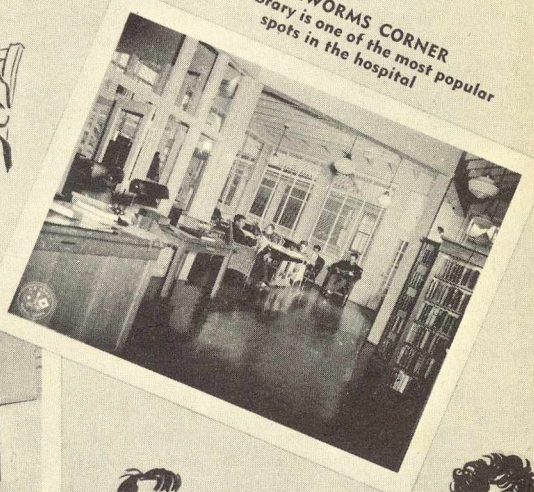
It was planned as a means of acquainting the public with warfare as it is today.

DIVERSIONS AROUND LETTERMAN MANY AND VARIED



GAMES IN THE SOLARIUM
Are an every afternoon activity.





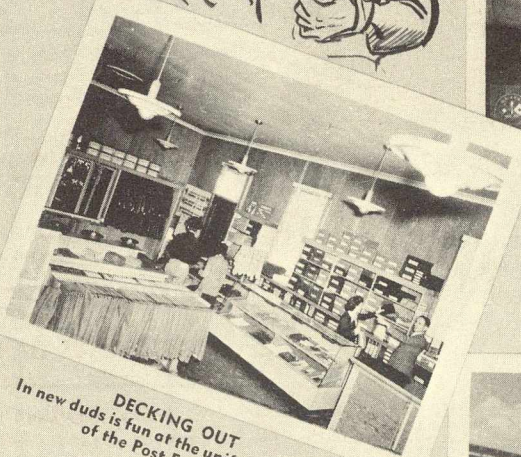
BOOKWORMS CORNER
In the library is one of the most popular spots in the hospital









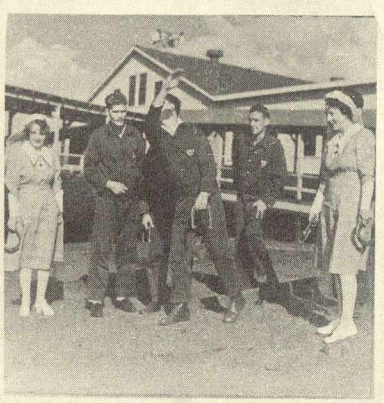


DECKING OUT
In new duds is fun at the uniform branch of the Post Exchange

A TELEPHONE CALL HOME
Is one of the 'firsts' for a man returned from overseas.

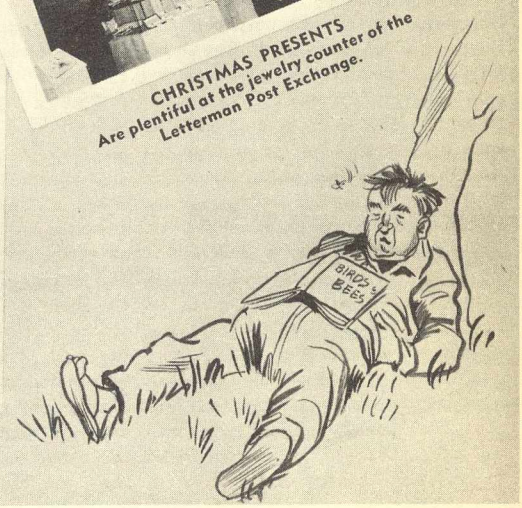


CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
Are plentiful at the jewelry counter of the Letterman Post Exchange.



A RINGER
Wins the admiration of the Grey Ladies in a horseshoe game.





THE FOG HORN

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Looking Ahead

Recent newspaper polls have shown that sentiment throughout the nation seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of preparing the nation's youth for whatever emergency may arise in the years to come. The matter of universal military training for young men in peace time received the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee of the Washington (D. C.) Board of Trade. A resolution was indorsed by the board's Committee on Naval and Military Affairs stressing the necessity for adequate preparation against future aggression and referred to the complexity of weapons of war which made the need for thorough training in their use of the most vital importance.

In a recent statement to representatives of the press, Representative James W. Wadsworth, of New York, co-author of the selective service law of 1940, emphasized the need of such training in order to better the physical condition of the nation's youth. He mentioned the need of continuing in peace time some of the officer candidate schools which have been so successful in producing trained officers for this war. This is a step in the right direction and will give encouragement to the young men undergoing training for the first time.

This looking ahead policy is a hopeful one for the future security of America, and it is generally considered by the press inevitable that Congress must see this and enact a peace time training law now.



This week it appears that this unpredictable weather of San Francisco has even gotten the nurses down. Hospitalized this week were **2nd Lieutenants Carol Mary Rigby** and **Mary DeMuth** here at Letterman and **2nd Lieutenant Evelyn R. Gerner** and **1st Lieutenant Annette L. Jarvis** over at the Dante—LGH Annex.

Also **2nd Lieutenant Viola Mayer** via plane has gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment of an ailment.

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1st Lieutenant Margaret M. McGill and **2nd Lieutenant Evelyn N. Barbier** were hostesses at the Army Navy Club one night in the past week—and visiting the club to see that the two performed their duties well were: **1st Lieutenants Rebecca Chamberlin** and **Doris E. Neill.** Also **2nd Lieutenants Jeneatte Allen** and **Betty Jo Sands** who had a splendid time.

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During the past week—two nurses from the 1960th, while returning from an evacuation trip were on the train directly behind the Challenger which was in the accident that made the headlines in the papers. The nurses were **2nd Lieutenants Annette Williams** and **Ono I. Blakemore.** Always prepared to handle an emergency call the two nurses remained calm and started to set up First Aid stations to take care of the injured and frightened passengers. Lieut. Williams went to a nearby farmhouse and there took care of the more serious cases and Lieut. Blakemore set up her station near the train and the scene of the accident. A wonderful job was accomplished—and the Army Nurse Corps remains at the top of our list for handling the situation as they did without benefit of mention in the tabloids. But their work is not done with an eye to publicity anyway.

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Senior cadet nurses of San Francisco City and County Hospital were visitors at Letterman early this week to tour the Occupational Therapy section. The cadets who made the tour are taking specialist courses in Orthopedics.

THE OBSERVER SAW

A new record established by Lieutenant **William "Curley" Moody.** He is now proud possessor of ten titles. Ask him—he'll tell you all about it.

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Corporal **Pat Sullivan** venturing out of his garage for the first time since gas rationing and breaking down on Arguello Boulevard in celebration.

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Captain **Lee Inman** and Lieutenant **Marie LePine** branching out and taking over a new office room in 310. Together the chiefs of military and civilian personnel should be able to handle all comers.

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Captain **"Bunny" Edwards** gallantly furnishing the pen for **Jane Darwell** to autograph cards for patients in the wards.

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Captain **Herbert R. Mason** beaming happily as he plans what he'll do to the Nips when he gets overseas.

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Corporal **Elias Tamey** spending one afternoon last week trying to solve the mystery of the lost broom.

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Lieutenant **Willie B. Barry** installed as the new laundry officer.

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Lieutenant **Vaughn R. Deranian** writing from Reconditioning School, Lexington, Virginia, that things are "nothing but tough."

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That perennial champion of ping pong, Captain **Willis M. Parrish,** continuing to uphold his title.

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Sergeant **Lou Slott** already eager to sell his newly purchased car. Is it your driving, Sergeant, or can it be that you just can't pick 'em?

GIs in Pacific Miss Malteds Most of All

Pacific (CNS)—Red Cross representatives at a South Pacific base polled a group of servicemen on the question:

"If you could have anything you wanted what would you ask for first?"

The winner, by a big margin—a cold malted milk.

Next in order were (2) a juicy steak, (3) the cup that cheers and (4) a beautiful girl.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, November 12, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Browse Among The New Books at The Letterman Library

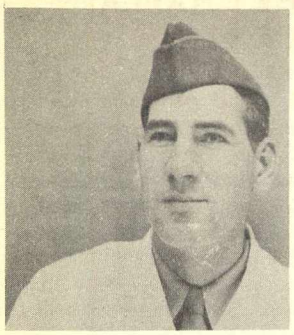
What do you like to read? If it is fiction and you want the latest, here's a very few titles from among the list newly purchased for the Letterman library. Jean Stafford's "Boston Adventure;" "The History of Rome Hanks," Joseph Stanley Pennell; "Time Must Have a Stop," by Aldous Huxley; "Green Dolphin Street," Elizabeth Goudge; "Tragic Ground," by Erskine Caldwell and "Leave Her to Heaven," by Ben Ames Williams.

If it is westerns you want, there is a generous supply of them by such writers as Ermine, Brand and Nye, and the new who-dun-its include Rinehart, Woolrich, Knight, Davis and Marsh and many others. The best seller "Anna and the King of Siam" by Landon is yours for the asking, along with many others of the recent and timely biographies. There are short stories, humor, war and travel books too, new on the Letterman bookshelves. Take advantage of your free time to catch up on that reading you've always planned to do, now when the opportunity is ripe. The librarian will be glad to tell you the names of the new acquisitions.

Chemical Firm Gives Army Refund

Charles Pfizer and Company has voluntarily refunded the War Department some $1,100,000 on their 1944 penicillin sales and in addition has materially reduced their price. They were enabled to do this by increased production and efficient manufacturing methods. This firm, which supplies the Army with about sixty per cent of its penicillin, is now producing twice its original capacity.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



GEORGE J. HORSLEY
Private, Medical Detachment

Tall and handsome Private George J. Horsley, from Cincinnati, Ohio, is our selection for 'Buck of this Week.'

Private Horsley was born in Cincinnati and worked there as an accountant after finishing school until the time he entered the Army.

In school George was an all-around athlete, specializing in baseball and football. In the university he took a business course to prepare himself for his future career as an accountant. He had just embarked on this career when he was interrupted by his 'greetings' from Uncle Sam.

He was inducted in Cincinnati and went to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for his basic training. Following basic he was assigned to a combat engineer unit. Then followed a training period for our buck of three months study in radio operation in Holidaysburg, Pennsylvania.

However, George did not remain in the east too long—for even the Army must have heard the call of the west for the private because they then sent him to Fort Ord, California, where he was re-assigned to the Medical Corps. Then for a spell George felt more or less like a bouncing ball. He was sent to Letterman as a student in the X-ray school. He was returned to Fort Ord. Then finally he was sent back to LGH on permanent duty in the X-ray laboratory.

Private Horsley is a married man and his wife and very young daughter reside here in San Francisco.

His favorite hobby—second only to being a 'good daddy' to his little girl—is photography.

Post-war planning for him does not include that popular phrase of 'hurry back to where I come from'—because the private says he would like to establish his home in San Francisco and remain here—in spite of the fog and liquid sunshine!

MAN-HOURS OF LABOR SAVED BY USING ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS

Millions of man-hours of labor monthly are added to the war effort in the Ninth Service Command by the use of Italian service units, reports Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general, from his Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters.

"Italian service units," General Shedd explained, "are composed of prisoners of war who have sworn loyalty to the United Nations' cause and have volunteered for work in the American war effort."

More than 75 such units, with a combined strength of more than 13,500 officers and enlisted men are now in operation at 29 military installations in the Ninth Service Command, the general revealed. They are working at ordnance shops, engineer depots, arsenals, holding and reconsignment points and ordnance, quartermaster and service forces depots.

Because of their disavowal of fascism and nazi-ism in any form and their written promise to serve faithfully under the American articles of war, these men are accorded limited privileges as a reward. However, they are under the supervision of American military personnel—never as individuals—and only for specific purposes, such as attending church, visiting museums, or sightseeing at other places of interest.

Infraction of the rules established for their conduct results in reversion to a prisoner of war status. Members of units are thoroughly and continually oriented to the responsibilities of their status. Only rarely have violations occurred. They readily recognize the privilege of their position and do nothing to destroy it.

Units have been formed as the result of military necessity. Their labor is used where it is vital to the successful prosecution of the war. In no case are they employed where such employment jeopardizes free American labor.

Italian service units are not used in combat, nor are they used at military installations in the handling of explosives or other dangerous or classified materials. Neither is their labor used where regular prisoners of war can be used and are available.

Before he is accepted for a unit, each man is screened by military intelligence authorities. He must also be fully physically qualified. Every effort is made to utilize the skills which the men possess as individuals.

Southern Gateway to Germany



(Mat 115-706)

Some of the hardest fighting of this or any other war has slowed the progress of Allied armies in Northern Italy and Yugoslavia, a front to which the Germans attach the highest importance. Lying athwart the invasion routes of the American Fifth and British Eighth Armies, in Italy, and Red Army troops and Marshal Tito's Partisans in Yugoslavia, is Austria, one of Adolf Hitler's earliest conquests (1938). Vienna, its capital, with nearly 2,000,000 people, ranks sixth among Europe's cities by virtue of its position as the hub of rail, highway and water routes to every corner of Europe.

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. HERBERT L. JOHNSON
Infantry Paratrooper

So well did his training prepare him for battle that when Private Herbert L. Johnson, 29-year-old Oakland, California, Infantry paratrooper, made his first combat jump at Lae, New Guinea, he "wasn't even excited," he said—and so we feature him on the spot this week.

Private Johnson has been returned to the States for further hospitalization for an illness he acquired in the New Guinea jungles. In an interview, the sky-hopping Doughboy declared:

"The Lae operation was smooth and successful because we knew exactly what we were to do and how to do it. Our primary job was to take the airfield so other troops could be flown in. We had studied aerial photos and maps of the terrain, knew where to go and what to do when we got there. Because we didn't have to fumble around, our mission was accomplished quickly.

"And the folks at home can be sure that those Doughboys out there in the Southwest Pacific aren't doing much fumbling around. The intensive training that every American Infantryman and all our other fighting men go through is paying dividends, now, and from here on in I think the Japs are going to take one licking after another.

"Not that I'm predicting a quick victory, because the Japs hold a lot of territory we've got to take away from them, but from what I've seen of the Doughboys in action, we're going to continue to make very steady progress on that victory road."

The paratrooper received his basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Roberts, California, volunteered there for parachute duty, and completed rugged training in that service at Fort Benning, Georgia.

MEDICAL DETACH

Lucky GI's — are those who received their furloughs this week. They were: Cpl. James Blakeney and T/5th Gr. Peter J. Ricca each with 23 days; Privates Frank P. Phillips, Theodore D. Sharp, Floyd R. Thibault and Eugene F. Koch each with 21 days; Private Robert J. Speelman 19 days; S/Sgt. Rudolph J. Bobrowski and M/Sgt. Fred C. Jacobs with 18 days; Cpl. Arthur D. Louder, 17 days, and T/Sgt. Joseph Jones and Corporal Stewart G. Patience with 15 days.

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A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week: Privates Harold C. Zwenk, Robert D. Lindsay, Neil White and Eugene W. Minard.

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Good luck to Privates Richard J. Magin, Harvey S. Francis and Arthur C. Beefelt who left the command this week.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/5th Gr. Bill De Mello back from a sojourn overseas and surprised at the number of changes in his old station.

Sgt. Carmen Filice, saxophone virtuoso with the LGH band making such excellent progress with his music lessons that he is passing on his new found knowledge to an avid pupil.

S/Sgt. Herman Knoller proudly announcing the return of Pluto lately discharged from the K-9 corps and trying to figure out the Army's equivalent of "Heel, Pluto, heel" *** !!! *** ! *

T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox back from furlough and wondering why he is being congratulated when he claims that he didn't take the 'fatal step.'

T/4th Gr. Christopher Gannon getting advice from other fathers on how to take care of an infant.

T/5th Gr. Raymond J. Jayne learning how it feels to get kicked in the shins by someone with GI shoes.

T/5th Gr. John Barsocchini adopting that "devil-may-care-ish" independent attitude—(Now he whistles at good looking females only.) (Can you afford it, John? ? ? ?)

LUGGAGE IS NO LIGHT LOAD BUT LADY LIEUTENANT LIKES IT



Lieut. GWINNETT H. JONES, WAC
Manages the Letterman baggage room

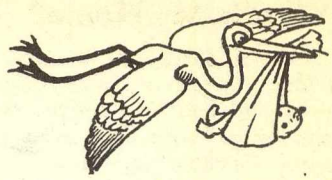
We have gradually become used to seeing women doing every kind of work. We've seen street cars, taxis and trucks driven by women. We've even seen pictures of long blonde tresses curling out from under the cap of the engineer on a train, so it should be no shock when we present Second Lieutenant Gwinnett H. Jones, a slim, brown-eyed young lady, as the officer in charge of the Letterman Hospital Baggage Room.

Actually Lieutenant Jones' duties take a much less "strong-man" form than the title of her office might lead one to expect. The duties of the baggage office include helping to plan shipments of baggage for train convoys, making up government bills of lading, sorting and taking care of the baggage of patients coming into the hospital, and preparing cards checking the property of each of the newly arrived patients. And, according to Lieutenant Jones, it is one of the most pleasant and cooperative offices in which she has ever worked.

Her present job is a far cry from her civilian occupation. Before enlisting in the WAC, she worked in advertising for the W. T. Grant Company in New York, writing copy. Her main interest outside of her work was in reading and writing poetry. Several of her poems have been published.

The lieutenant left her home in Scarsdale, New York, to go to a boarding school in Wilmington Delaware, and then attended the University of Delaware, majoring in political science. In May of 1943, she enlisted and went to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, for her basic training. When Fort Devens was inactivated, she was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where she ran the camp newspaper while waiting for assignment. In December of 1943 she graduated from Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a second lieutenant. Her first assignment as an officer was recruiting in Whichita and Topeka, Kansas. Following this she went to Camp White, Oregon, where she first worked in Special Service and then as assistant to the commanding officer of the WAC detachment. On August 22 of this year she came to Letterman, where, before her present assignment in the baggage office, she was assistant to the commanding officer of the Detachment of Patients.

We are ready to admit now, having seen a poetess efficiently managing the baggage department, that even if the ladies were to don red caps and take on the strenuous end of hauling the baggage too we wouldn't raise an eyebrow in surprise.



To Captain and Mrs. Joseph S. Faulkner a son, Dale Allen, born 4 November; weight 8 pounds 1 ounce.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Roy K. Clemens a daughter, Shirley Mae, born 1 November; weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. William S. Tally a daughter, Linda Lee, born 1 November; weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. James H. Williamson a son, James H. Jr., born 31 October; weight 8 pounds 12 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Donald M. Eden a son, Alan Ross, born 2 November; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

U.S. Has Lost War, Jap Radio Says

Philippines (CNS) — A Jap broadcast recorded by the United Press shortly after the U. S. Fleet's rout of the Japanese Navy in these waters, had a pithy comment to make on the great naval battle.

"One thing is now clear," the broadcast stated. "America has lost the war."

Rochester, N. Y. (CNS) — Miss Ada King—age 80—has registered as a co-ed at the University of Rochester. She's taking an extension course in Sanskrit "because I want to learn all I can in this world to get ready for the next."

Here is the answer to this week's "What's My Name" quiz which appears on page seven of this week's FOG HORN:

Henry Lewis Stimson, Secretary of War.

What's My Name?

Here is another in a series of "What's My Name" quizes adapted to the FOG HORN from the radio quiz by the same name conducted every Thursday morning at 10 in the Recreation Center by Art Linkletter, well known radio celebrity of the National Broadcasting Company.

If you know the correct answer after the first clue your rating is 100 per cent and you get an oak leaf cluster on your good conduct ribbon. The right answer on the second clue gives you 75 per cent and entitles you to an old expired three day pass. After the third clue you get 50 per cent and the title of "Miss Dog Face" of 1944. The right answer on the last clue chalks up 25 per cent and the right to stay in the army for the duration and six months. When you are sure you know the correct solution turn to page six and check the right answer.

Clue No. 1:

I was born 77 years ago in New York City on the 21st of September 1867 and that makes me one of the oldest Americans actively participating in the war. I received an AB degree from Yale in 1888, an AM degree from Harvard the next year and after graduating from the Harvard Law School I was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1891. In 1911 I was appointed Secretary of War by President Taft. I have served in three cabinets altogether. What's My Name?

Clue No. 2:

I served in World War I in France as a Colonel in the 31st Field Artillery. In 1927 I was appointed Commissioner to Nicaraugua and I was so successful in placating both President Diaz and the Rebel Leader Moncada that I was sent to the Philippines in December 1927 as Governor General. What's My Name?

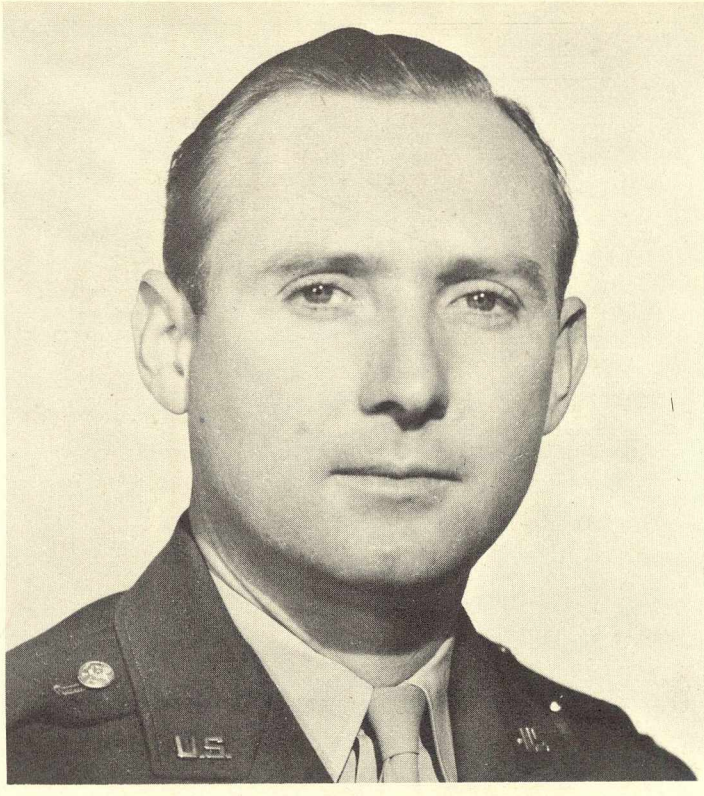
Clue No. 3:

I served as Secretary of State in Herbert Hoover's Cabinet and at that time I urged international opposition to Japan's aggression into Manchuria. I led the American delegates to the London Naval Conference in 1930 and again to the World Disarmament Conference in 1932. I am now in President Roosevelt's Cabinet. What's My Name?

Clue No. 4:

I am now Secretary of War and since the death of Colonel Frank Knox, the former Secretary of the Navy, I am the only Republican member of the President's Cabinet. My first two names are Henry Lewis. What's My Name?

GLOBE TROTTING OLD TALE TO MAJOR—HE'LL TAKE TERRA FIRMA



Major THOMAS JOHN COCKERILL
In charge of Receiving and Evacuation branch

Just 28 days after joining the Army, Major Thomas John Cockerill, MC, a former ship's doctor with the American Export Line, was at sea again, beginning a 16 month tour of duty as a medical officer on a transport.

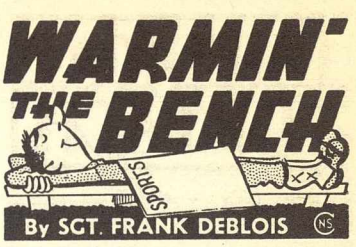
For the major, Marsaille, Stockholm, Sydney and Majorca were familiar places long before the outbreak of the war. He was in the Mediterranean during the Spanish war, aboard the "Excaliber" and tells about the German planes flying out from Majorca to circle the ship until they ascertained that it was American. Off Sweden he was shipwrecked close to Ivor Kruger's private island and spent three months in Copenhagen while the ship was being repaired. It was on the "Excaliber" that he met the lady who is now Mrs. Cockerill, who was a passenger on the ship.

Major Cockerill hails from Manhattan and studied medicine at the New York University College of Medicine and Bellvue Medical School. In May, 1941 he joined the Army, coming in with a reserve commission as a first lieutenant. During his 16 months on the transport, he added Guadalcanal, Australia, Bermuda, and Panama to his already broad travels in Russian, Baltic and Mediterranean areas.

He finally landed in New Orleans and served at the Station Hospital at the New Orleans Port of Embarkation. Following that assignment, he took to the water again, and arrived at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, serving at the station hospital there until it became the Letterman Annex, when he transferred to Letterman to take charge of the receiving office in the Receiving and Evacuation branch.

On one trip through the Caribbean, during the period when the German submarines were present in force, the major mentions quaintly, "we had a slight exchange of ordnance."

Our new receiving officer is very much interested in languages and speaks French, German and Italian fluently. We sincerely hope, major, that you'll be able to practice them on dry land for some time to come.



When Wilbert Robinson was manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the bewildering Bums were the funniest team in the circuit—not the saddest as is the case today.

It was during the colorful Robbie's regime that the Dodgers first earned their reputation for egregious bonehead plays. Indeed, their play became so grotesque that Robbie finally put his foot down.

"The next guy who pulls a boner," he announced one day, "will be fined ten bucks. In fact we'll form a Boners Club with a $10 membership fee and at the end of the season we'll split up the dough."

He glared around the clubhouse. The players were straight-faced, serious, subdued. Then the portly Robbie stalked majestically from the dugout and handed the umpire his laundry slip—instead of the lineup.

A Little Data That Doesn't Matter

The Washington Redskins won the first football game of the season when they topped the Fourth AAF of March Field, 7-3, before 50,000 Los Angeles fans who braved the August heat to watch the two teams play. The Redskins won when Mike Micka intercepted a pass by Jack Jacobs in the last quarter and ran down the field for a score. . . . Rollie Hemsley, Yankee catcher, has been assigned to the Sampson Naval Training Center where he will catch the slants of Johnny Vandermeer. . . . Lt. Col. Robert T. Jones, the greatest golfer of them all, was discharged from the Army as overage. He's 42. . . . The Red Sox have lost Catcher Hal Wagner to the Navy.

Foss May Fly No More

Sioux Falls, S. D. (CNS)—Maj Joe Foss, Marine ace of Guadalcanal and the first American flyer in this war to equal Capt Eddie Rickenbacker's record of 26 enemy planes destroyed, probably will fly in combat no more. **Foss** revealed he expects to enter an Army hospital soon for treatment of malaria, which has forced him home from the Pacific twice.

Liberty Bell to Stay Cracked

Philadelphia (CNS) — Mayor Bernard Samuel has ruled that the 109-year-old crack in the Liberty Bell, which proclaimed American Independence, positively will not be fixed "because it is sacred to the American people in its present unaltered form."

'Jive' Is Boon to Patients Aboard Hospital Ships

It's not listed in the Army's pharmacopoeia, but American "jive" dished out by GI musicians is good medicine for bolstering the morale of wounded men returning home aboard the United States Army Hospital Ship Marigold, operated by the Transportation Corps, Army Service Forces.

Uncle Sam's combat wounded see movies and enjoy games and other recreation on their return voyage, but what they clamor for is "real, honest - to - goodness - back - home music."

Jam sessions are the latest thing. On the Marigold, enlisted medics from the vessel's personnel have formed an eight-piece band. All the Army's hospital ships and the troop transports which return many casualties to the states play musical recordings over public address systems with loudspeakers in all the wards. But battle-scarred GIs get an added kick out of actually seeing the musicians, talking to them and sometimes even heckling them. They enjoy calling for their favorite numbers. Ranking favorite is "Lily Marlene," which has become another "Over There" to American troops abroad.

The Marigold's volunteer band arranges its own music. Boogie-woogie, swing, sweet—in fact everything from Basin Street to Tin Pan Alley and Melody Lane is included in its repertoire. Sometimes patients themselves sit in on jam sessions. On one trip an ambulant patient played with the band as a drummer throughout the voyage.

All U. S. hospital ships are stocked with musical instruments, and it is a rare voyage that fails to draw from the group of ambulant patients several or more who are "hot" on the saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, bullfiddle, piano or trombone. These impromptu "bands" are formed almost before the ships weigh anchor on the other side, and they never want for engagements.

The Marigold band also has a crooner in Colonel William H. Schowengerdt, Medical Corps, of Champaign, Illinois, who is Hospital Ship Commander, or Chief Medical Officer. While not a Crosby, a Sinatra or an Andy Russell, he never fails to "wow" the patients.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For week of Nov. 13 to Nov. 20

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
Dancing Lessons	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
Cast from the spectacular Air Force Show "Winged Victory"	SSO 1400	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—		
U.S.O. Camp Show "Smooth Sailing" Unit No. 2	1400 & SSO 1500	Rec. Hall Wards
FRIDAY—		
U.S.O. Camp Show "Smooth Sailing" Unit No. 2	SSO 1830	Dante Hospital
Glen & Dorothy Hurlbert	SSO 1400	S-1
"County Fair"	ARC 1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—		
Officer's Dance	SSO 2000	Letterman
Fudge Party—also Make A Record &Popular Record Hour	ARC 1400	Club Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—		
Informal afternoon—Girls invited!	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall

Polly Cadet . . .



News From Home

Chicago (CNS) — When a woman patient fainted in his dentist chair, Dr. Cecil Fisher revived her with water. Later he complained to police that she had removed all the change from his pockets while being revived.

Dallas, Tex. (CNS) — A sneak thief snatched the purse of Miss Pauline Griffith, as she was leaving her office. She chased him down the hall, felled him with a flying tackle, recovered her purse and threw him down a flight of stairs.

Halfway, Ohio (CNS) — John Cook, a farmer, brought home a load of 1,500 chickens. That night thieves raided his coop and stole 600 of them. The next night they returned with a truck and swiped the remaining 900.

Indianapolis (CNS)—Guards at the Indiana Women's Prison rubbed their eyes when they spotted someone climbing over the wall *into* the prison. It was the prison engineer. "Forgot my keys," he muttered.

McCook, Neb. (CNS) — Jitterbugging Ernie Oliver spun into a hot jive, lost his balance and fell through the second story window of a local dance hall.

Minneapolis (CNS)—A clerk in a local war plant knows how to get rich quick. His salary was raised from $38 a week to $125 a week when he discovered a new system of bookkeeping.

Mobile, Ala. (CNS)—Police are seeking a local thief with strange tastes. Recently he entered a local home, stole a bathtub, and escaped.

Montpelier, Vt. (CNS)—A Vermont resident recently won an amateur contest in a local theater by playing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" on his wife's head with a spoon.

Ocean City, Md. (CNS) — A good Samaratan who removed his trousers, jumped into the sea and rescued a drowning swimmer, found his wallet stolen when he returned to the beach.

Ogden, Utah (CNS) — The meanest thief in Utah? He's the low scoundrel who stole Mrs. Ethel Prickett's life savings of $140 from its hiding place in the family Bible.

Portland, Ore. (CNS)—A stout woman climbed into a street car and handed the driver two tickets. "I weigh 481 pounds," she explained, "and I take up two seats."

Woonsocket, R. I. (CNS)—Fined $10 for biting a policeman, a local resident has appealed to the State Supreme Court. He claims he has no teeth.

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Col. Nolan Loses Life in Drowning Accident

Lieutenant Colonel Oscar F. Nolin, Medical Corps, who has been on the staff at Letterman General Hospital for the past three years as Chief of the Urological Service, was accidentally drowned on Sunday afternoon last while duck hunting at Point Reyes, when a rowboat was overturned in the lagoon at that place.

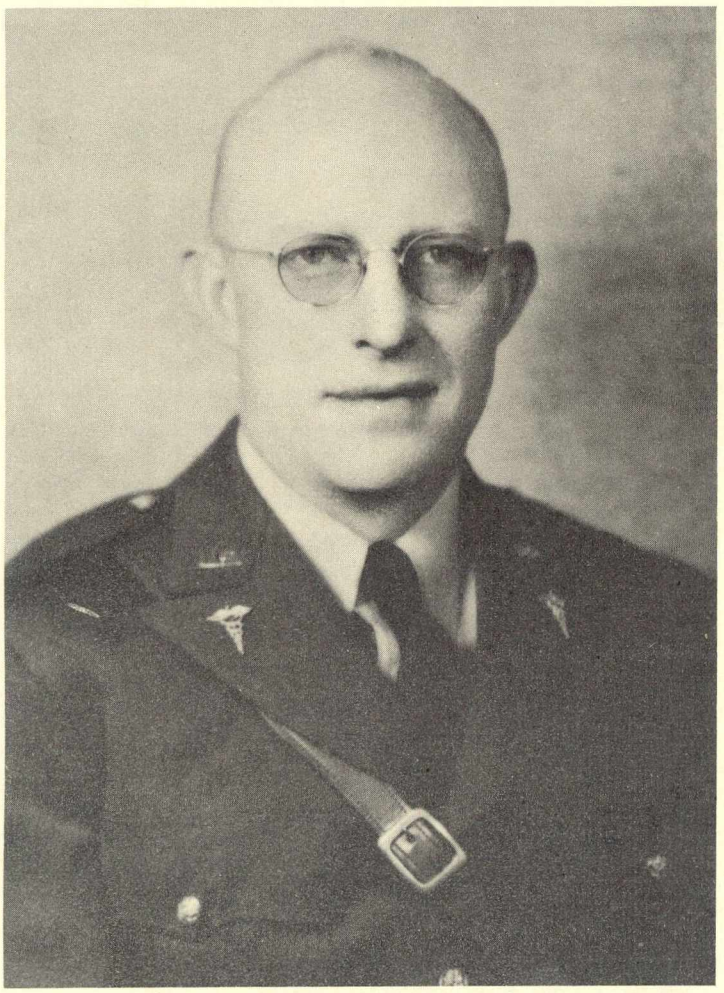
Colonel Nolan prior to reporting for extended active duty at Letterman was a prominent physician in San Francisco and well known in professional circles along the Pacific coast.

The colonel was a native of LaFayette, Louisiana, and a graduate of Southwestern University in Louisiana, and took his degree in medicine at the Baylor University, Dallas, Texas. Col. Nolan came to San Francisco in 1928 and was associated in the practice of medicine with Dr. George L. Eaton. He subsequently was appointed urologist for the Southern Pacific Hospital and the St. Francis Hospital, as well as consulting urologist at the French Hospital. He was certified by the American Board of Urology in 1937.

Colonel Nolan is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen M. Nolan, of San Francisco, and funeral arrangements will be completed on the recovery of the body. A detail from the U. S. Coast Guard and officers and men from Letterman General Hospital have been engaged in dragging the lagoon since Monday last without success.

The colonel was highly respected in this command both for his professional skill and his pleasing personality. He was devoted to the welfare of his patients and he never placed any limit on the time required for operations or visits to the grateful beneficiaries of his surgical knowledge. He was a brilliant associate and the fellow members of the Letterman staff will miss his kindly influence.

The commanding general with the officers and men of the command extend their deepest sympathy to the widow and family of Colonel Nolan.



Lt. Col. OSCAR F. NOLAN, M. C.

Plasma Story Proud Chapter In Medicine

Blood plasma has played a major part in saving the lives, it is reported, of over 97 per cent of our fighting men wounded in battle. The planning, organization and drive through which plasma has been made available when and where needed on the battle fronts is an absorbing story and a proud chapter in the history of American Medicine.

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman Hospital, early in 1940, brought to the attention of his then chief, Major General James C. Magee, Surgeon General of the Army, the need to provide for the use of blood plasma, serum, or some other blood substitute in the treatment of traumatic shock among battle casualties. Already transfusion methods employed in the field by armies of other countries had been studied. In Russia the use of stored cadaver blood was well known. Most countries fighting in or near their own homelands were using transfusions of whole blood. England was shipping whole blood in refrigerated units to France. As the stored blood aged, the plasma was siphoned off and held, ready to be used as a blood substitute when needed. It was clear that for the United States the use of whole blood transported from this country would be impractical.

In 1940 the Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council was requested by the Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Magee, to organize a number of committees which should serve in an

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REAL TALENT SHOWN BY PATIENTS AT ARTS AND SKILLS



WEAVING ON SMALL LOOMS
Aids coordination and makes attractive gifts to send home.

One of the most interesting spots at Letterman has always been, to us, the building in back of the main hospital that houses the Arts and Skills Unit, as well as Occupational Therapy. There is no need to ask whether or not the patients enjoy the skills taught by the volunteers who compose the staff of the unit, for their absorption is far too apparent. And the interesting and professionally finished looking objects that they turn out are a credit to their teachers.

There is no lack of variety in the arts taught. Finger painting, weaving, fly tying, lucite work, metal work, knotting, ceramics, sculpture, sketching, working with crepe paper, and making vases are among the many things taught. Mrs. Donald R. Dickey, who for a year has been the coordinator of the unit and has given unsparingly of her time and efforts, tells us that weaving, paper work, and finger painting are among the most popular of the activities. All the materials are provided by the Red Cross and are free to the patients. Beautiful small mats and handbags are woven on the looms, with the woof part of the weaving done by the ladies as an extra-curricular activity at home. Many gifts to wives and sweethearts have found their way from the Arts and Skills shop, carefully wrapped by the volunteer teachers, and mailed free of charge by the Red Cross.

Some unusually interesting effects have been achieved in the finger painting. The paint is put on thickly and spread with the fingers. The shapes suggested by the smearing are then elaborated upon. Occasionally an all-over pattern is made. Many of the finger paintings are made up into writing portfolios, with the painting furnishing the outsides and the lining of the portfolio.

With lucite the men make ornamental brooches. Little figurines, necklaces, rings, pins and other ornaments are made with metal. All kinds of brilliantly colored flies created at Letterman will flick the streams of the country this year, and many a girl will wear a belt, carefully knotted by some recuperating patient. Some of the ceramic work is really remarkable in color and in design. Sculpturing has been one of the most successful arts as far as arousing interest is concerned. Men, women and animals have blossomed forth under untutored hands with excellent results. One young private made three excellent pieces. He had previously never attempted any sort of creative work, but on the strength of the quality of his work, Miss Turner's Art School in San Francisco gave him a scholarship so that he might continue, and he expects to make it his vocation. A young French Canadian who had looked on with

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FROM PETIT POINT TO FINGER PAINTING
articles made in Letterman arts and skills shop vary widely.

MORE ABOUT REAL TALENT

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indifference while his women-folk at home did the weaving, after trying it himself, is heading home with a long list of instructions for them on ways and means of improving their technique.

With colored paper, twisted and glued together, coasters, jackets for glasses and other ornaments are made. The Rudolph Schaeffer School of Color and Design sends instructors once a week to teach this art.

On one occasion a group of men who had become very much interested in weaving were leaving Letterman to go to another hospital where they had no looms. Very much disappointed at being forced to give up their new hobby, they appealed to Mrs. Dickey to know what they could do in place of it. She taught them tapestry, and they were as much amused as those who came in the ward and saw the row of veterans sitting placidly in their beds, industriously working on their tapestries. One member of this particular Army sewing club upon his discharge from the Army wrote to one of the ladies of the unit, telling her that his wife and mother had ganged up on him and had him busily covering every chair in the house with his tapestry. The situation had reached such a point that when his wife wanted to go out in the evening, he had so much sewing to do that he found it necessary to stay at home with his work.



TYING STRING BELTS
is one of the most popular activities in the shop.

Mrs. Dickey has had an admirable background for the work she is so generously doing at Letterman. For two years she worked at Chicago's famous Hull House. She took a trained attendant's course at St. St. Luke's Hospital in New York and also worked overseas with the Foyer De Soldat in Paris before coming to Letterman.

A year ago when she arrived here, the Unit had been functioning for about four months with only three instructors and was open for three days a week. Now there are around firty-five women working regularly with the Unit. They average about four hours a day for two days a week. The Unit is responsible to the Red Cross, and to the Occupational Therapy department, and also receives suggestions and guidance from Major Sawyer, chief of Occupational Therapy.

Mrs. Dickey is assisted by two other ladies in her work as coordinator, Mrs. Arundel Hopkins and Mrs. Mark Meherin, who have been coming to Letterman for four and eight months respectively. One of the workers who has been here for over a year is Mrs. Gertrude Hanna Erikson, who teaches finger painting.

The Unit maintains a separate unit in one of the wards where the men do not go out on pass, and it is very popular there.

It is a good and worthwhile work that the group is doing, and Letterman gives full credit to the unselfish women who give so generously of their time and energies.



REAL CONCENTRATION
goes into the making of lucite ornaments.

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STILL TO WIN

The change in three years in conditions at Pearl Harbor after December 7, 1941, to the Philippine waters in November, 1944, shows our remarkable recovery from a dastardly, damaging attack by the Japs to achievement of an amazing victory over them.

The full extent of this result may not be known for some time, but we do realize that it is a great victory. However, it should be drilled home to our people that we must not, under any circumstances, accept a compromise peace with Japan, no matter how eager we are to end this terrible conflict. This is no time for smug contentment on the part of Americans. Let pride in past and present achievements be a spur to future effort. And if we speak of winning the war, let us never again fall into the fatal error of believing the enemy defeated because he asks for an armistice and a peace conference.

The pursuit of the Japs on land and sea must not be permitted to lag. In fact, our efforts must be redoubled if we are to enforce unconditional surrender and reduce Japan to a non-military status. The game is still to win!

Photo Lab Donates Whole Blood

Answering the call for whole blood donors, the crew of the Presidio photographic laboratory turned out 100 percent on the evening of Tuesday, November 14. The group was composed of 12 military personnel and one civilian. We heartily commend them for this prompt response to an urgent need.



Adieus will be the order of the day tomorrow when five nurses will start for home on a five-day leave—a pre-embarkation leave. Upon their return they will immediately depart to join a unit to which they have been assigned for overseas duty.

The five nurses who are leaving are. **First Lieutenants Pearle W. Lewick,** a native of Lincoln, Nebraska; **Mabel L. Nygaard** hails from Pirport, South Dakota; **Daisey O. Teeslink** is a native of Colorado and **Doris Neill,** a native of Portland, Oregon. Each of the aforementioned nurses joined the nursing staff of Letterman in October of 1943 when they had just returned from a tour of duty in the bleak north of Alaska. They also all received their promotions on or about the same time—in April of this year. **First Lieutenant Rebecca Chamberlin** whose family resides in Utah, joined the nursing staff here in February of this year and received her promotion on 15 July. However, her tour of duty before arriving here was in Puerto Rico.

Best wishes from the members of the LGH military and civilian staff alike are extended to the quintet who make their second venture away from home and loved ones.

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Quite in contrast to the above, we welcome to Letterman five nurses who have just returned after serving at some far off place in this war-torn world. **1st Lieut. Anne M. Stropoli** of Ridgewood, New Jersey, and **1st Lieut. Florence Marshall** of Rochester, New York. Also to **2nd Lieutenants Dorothy B. Bagley** and **Ola V. Baxter.** Miss Bagley is a native of Townsend, Massachusetts, and Miss Baxter's home is in San Diego, California. **2nd Lieut. Clara Leone Rockeman** of Rector, Minnesota also comes to Letterman from overseas.

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Captain Mary Katherine Cuppy and **1st Lieut. Vernola McCullough,** from the office of the Superintendent of Nurses, and **Captain Eleanor Mitchell** from the office of the Chief of the Hospital Dietitians, send greetings to their friends at Letterman. All say they read the FOG HORN regularly—when they get it.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Sergeant **"Windy" West** anticipating his approaching nuptials by painting his house and incidentally doing a generous job of daubing paint on himself.

The Letterman Hospital basketball team winning in its first game of the season played against the **Fort McDowell** team.

Lieutenant **Vaughn R. Deranian** returned from Reconditioning School at Lexington, Virginia, minus several pounds and full of vigor and ideas.

Lieutenant **Karl A. Gertenhouse** finally erasing the wrinkles from his brow now that his daughter, **Carol Lee,** has arrived in the world.

Sergeant **Herman Gai** becoming so proficient with his tenor sax that he is rapidly becoming a rival of Freddy Martin.

Corporal **Robert A. Cantacessi,** of the Signal Corps, growing a moustache to assure himself that he is old enough to marry.

Staff Sergeant **Leonard Bell** forlornly chasing after his dog which follows everyone but him.

Captain **Donald R. Pratt** getting spring fever late in the season and changing the position of all the furniture in his office.

Mrs. **Irene Wallace,** of the Public Relations office, scouring the wards for patients willing to go out on speaking tours.

"Betsey" Martha Agnes LaFevers, the blonde beauty of the Post Exchange, crying for an adding machine as she doles the cigarettes out by package.

Sergeant **Lewin S. Villa** busily rounding up 250 patients from the hospital to go to the football game at Berkeley today.

Major **Cleo E. Rumsey** back from his trip East and looking smug about new purchases for the P.X.

Colonel **Brooks C. Grant** and Colonel **George D. Chunn,** convalescing at Walter Reed General Hospital and sending greetings to their friends at Letterman.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, November 19, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

INVITATION

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites junior officers to a dance to take place in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Blvd. and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday night, November 18, at 9 o'clock. (Take No. 1 or No. 4 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Blvd.) Junior hostesses will welcome you.

MISSION HI HERE

Early this week the Mission High students again deluged the Chaplains Office with gifts for the patients—gaily wrapped and beribboned in bright colors.

Mrs. Florence Millikin, member of the faculty who supervises the purchasing and wrapping, delivered the gifts to the hospital with the able assistance of four young ladies: Rita Garrity, Joyce Briggs, Donna Ross and Rose Sasek.

Receipt of this donation from time to time add a little pleasure to the convalescence period of our patients and they sincerely appreciate it.

Senior Civilian Employe Given Award

Monday, November 13, Miss Adria Altenruther, senior civilian employee of Letterman Hospital, was awarded a medal and a certificate citing her for her service by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of the hospital.

Miss Alenruther has completed twenty-five years of service to the hospital. Coming here on May 3, 1919, she has established an enviable record.

The medal was presented in the general's office, with the citation read by the adjutant, at which time General Hillman congratulated Miss Altenruther on her splendid record.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



WILLIAM D. COOPER
Pvt., Med. Dept.

From Burlingame, California, comes our 'buck of this week'—in the person of Private William D. Cooper of a hospital ship platoon, now temporarily assigned to LGH pending the arrival of his ship.

Private Cooper was born in San Francisco and received almost all of his education here, finishing up at Burlingame High when his family decided to move from the noisy city to the peaceful and quiet suburb of Burlingame.

When his book-learnin' was completed the private immediately went to work in his father's oil refining business. And it was while he was working at this job that he was drafted into the U. S. Army. That fateful day—30 August 1942.

Inducted in San Francisco, Cooper was sent to Camp Roberts for his basic training and then was assigned for his first duties in the army to the Military Police. It was with an M.P. unit that he went to Fort Lewis, Washington. This was very agreeable to him since his immediate duties were patrolling the down town streets of Seattle. In fact the private expresses his delight with these former duties in hoping to join that outfit again some time if possible.

In May of this year our buck became a medicine man when he was reassigned at Camp White, Oregon. And from Camp White he was sent to Camp Barkley, Texas, for training for a ship platoon. With more travel in store, he went bouncing back to Camp Stoneman where he remained until he was sent here to Letterman where he now performs the duties of a corpsman on Ward "12."

When the boys came marching home again and peace once again reigns over the world, Bill will don his civilian clothes and pick up right where he left off in his father's refinery.

GI'S MAY PREPARE NOW FOR BETTER POST-WAR JOBS

By Camp Newspaper Service

To GIs who want to return to a new job better than the one they held when they entered the armed services, Major Edward Millea, Chief of the Veterans' Personnel Division of New York City's Selective Service System, offers this advice:

Prepare now—while you're still in uniform.

"Only about 30 per cent of New York City's discharged servicemen are returning to their former jobs," Major Millea, who has talked with more than 7000 World War II veterans about their re-employment problems, said.

"Most of them want something better, and, on the basis of their service training and experience, we are succeeding in placing a great many advantageously.

"But a considerable number lack the necessary skills, knowledge and training to improve their economic position, and these must take additional training or educational courses after they have been discharged to qualify for the jobs they are seeking.

"The U. S. Armed Forces Institute offers an unparalleled opportunity to the serviceman to continue his education, to acquire new skills and training which will help him to a better job after his discharge and to increase his usefulness as a citizen and his appreciation of life through greater knowledge."

The Armed Forces Institute, with headquarters at Madison, Wisconsin, and branches in nine major theaters of war, offers hundreds of educational courses in nearly every field of study. In addition more than 80 leading American colleges and universities are cooperating with USAFI to offer a wide variety of courses by mail. More than 900,000 servicemen and women in every part of the world are busily studying courses of their own choosing on their off-duty time. Every day 1000 more ask for courses. Two hundred have already received graduate college degrees from such front-rank institutions as Ohio State University, the Universities of Michigan, Minnesota and California, and Tufts College.

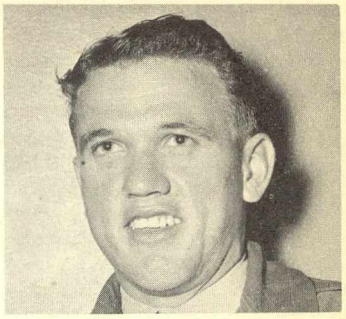
Information about USAFI can be obtained from the Information and Education Officer in any unit of the Army or from the Educational Services Officer in the Navy. These officers also will be able to offer advice and guidance on courses and will supply official enrollment blanks and catalogs. Enrollment fee is $2 which entitles a serviceman to take as many courses as he can complete. One half the cost of college courses which are available through cooperating colleges is borne by the government up to a maximum of $20 per course.

The Armed Forces Institute offers an opportunity after the war.

WHAT DO YA MEAN—"WHAT'S COOKING"



ON THE SPOT



S/Sgt. PAUL GILLESPIE
Med. Dept., Unagd.

'I was there' is quite an appropriate phrase to introduce Staff Sergeant Paul Gillespie of Sharon, West Virginia, member of a 24th Infantry Division medical detachment that was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese bombs exploded on Wheeler Field on December 7, 1941. At that time his unit went into action ministering to the first American wounded of World War II.

A year and a half later, he had the satisfaction of accompanying crack American Infantrymen in their assault on Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, where the Doughboys obtained a measure of revenge for Pearl Harbor. And the opinions that Paul had formed of the Japanese on Pearl Harbor Day were confirmed in New Guinea, he said.

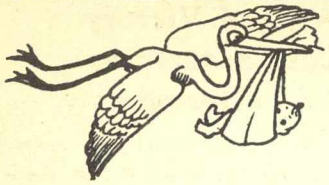
"They are absolute beasts, who seem to take pleasure in slaughter," he declared. "During the Tahnamerah Bay-Hollandia operation I treated dozens of natives who had been shot or knifed by the Japs before the main body of Nip troops pulled out."

Many times, particularly in the fight for the Hollandia airdrome, Sergeant Gillespie carried on his work of mercy under Japanese sniper, machinegun and mortar fire, he revealed.

"But certainly," he said, "that doesn't make me a hero. That's what a medical soldier is supposed to do in Infantry combat—attend to the wounded under fire."

"I know of dozens of lives that had been saved because blood plasma was available," our hero continued. "Our plasma supply," Sergeant Gillespie declared, "was just about the greatest treasure we had."

Paul has just returned to the United States after nearly four years overseas, including two years in Hawaii.



To Major and Mrs. James A. Bradley a daughter, Christina; born 10 November; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Harold R. Gaisford a son, Harold Rawson, Jr.; born 7 November; weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Meyer Zeiler a daughter, Claudia Rebecca; born 7 November; weight 7 pounds.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Joe W. Kennedy a son, Michael Joe; born 11 November; weight 5 pounds 10 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Silas C. Dietz a son, Dennis Carl; born 12 November; weight 7 pounds 13 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. George W. Middough a daughter, Diane Elizabeth; born 12 November; weight 6 pounds 13 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Karl A. Gertenhouse a daughter, Carol Lee; born 11 November; weight 9 pounds.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Irving Korb twin daughters, Karen and Susan; born 8 November; weight 6 pounds 1 ounce and 5 pounds 11 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Joseph F. Kern a daughter, Sandra Mary; born 9 November; 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Frank A. Gucwa a daughter, Harriet Ann; born 8 November; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph M. Loomis a son, Joseph Michael, Jr.; born 9 November; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Gordon J. Sommers a son, John Arthur; born 8 November; weight 8 pounds 12 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John T. Jessen a son, John Terrell, Jr.; born 9 November; weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Byron R. Hutchison a son, Daniel Allen; born 9 November; weight 8 pounds 12 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond M. Kownikowski a daughter, Margaret Elaine, born 10 November; weight 6 pounds 5 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Marvin M. Stein a son, Michael David, born 7 November; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Harry J. Grzanka a son, Gordon David; born 6 November; weight 7 pounds 2 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. James H. Olive a son, James Henry, Jr.; born 11 November 1944; weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Clarence D. Applegate a daughter, Donna Frances; born 11 November 1944; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. Ralph A. De Santo a son, Ralph Alphonse, Jr.; born 8 November; weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

KEEPING THE WOLF FROM THE DOOR WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS



2nd Lieut. OLA V. BAXTER, ANC
Recently returned from Alaska to Letterman

One thousand miles north of Skagway, at a log cabin hospital, Second Lieutenant Ola V. Baxter, Army Nurse Corps, served with three other nurses. At first the nurses lived in a tent, but later they had a little log cabin for a home. With the temperature at sixty below, even the wolves got hungry and serenaded the occupants of the log cabin during the nights. All excursions outside, which were mainly just going over to the hospital, were made in a group because of the wolves and the danger of freezing. Most of the patients were casualties from plane crashes. The little hospital was the only one between Edmonton and Whitehorse, approximately 1600 miles, so upon news of an accident, a plane was immediately dispatched, and the patients flown back to the hospital. Lieutenant Baxter has 100 hours of flying to her credit.

In one flying trip from Edmonton to Great Falls in Canada, the C-47 in which she was a passenger lost an engine, and they were grounded, but with no injuries to anyone. Strangely enough, she had a repetition of this same accident some time later, but again all the passengers were lucky enough to escape unscathed.

Lieutenant Baxter has her home in San Diego, California, although she spent her childhood in China and the Philippines and speaks Chinese. Her father died in World War I, and she was a ward of the government, so she felt that she owed it to give her services to her country when she was needed.

She was commissioned in the ANC in 1941 and was assigned to surgery in Hoff General Hospital, at the opening of that installation. From Hoff she went to Fort Rosecrans, and then was sent overseas from Camp Roberts. Her first stop was Skagway, then to Whitehorse where the group was split into units and sent to various outposts. Fort Nelson, where she made her acquaintance with the cold and wolves, had been an old trading post. One of her outstanding memories of the past is the dietary limitations. Spam and Vienna sausage, as well as dehydrated potatoes, which were almost a daily regime, have lost all charms for her.

Lieutenant Baxter came to Letterman Hospital last week, where she is now stationed in the surgery. She is most enthusiastic about the hospital mess, and even the recent weather doesn't daunt her in the least.

MEDICAL DETACH

Furloughs were issued to the following men during the past week: Cleofante T. Tierno, T/5th Gr. William B. Mosakowski, Pvts. Okla O. Varner and Paul White and David C. Thomas each with 23 days; Pvt. Lewis Ackerman with 21 days; T/5th Gr. Willard Rickard with 19 days; Cpl. Rex J. Barker with 17 days; T/4th Gr. Carroll M. Dykastra, T/4th Gr. John D. Hurst, and Pvt. Francis E. Hanlon, each with 15 days; Pvt. Phillip J. Leist with 7 days.

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Good luck to the following men who left the detachment during the week—T/4th Gr. Raymond E. Edmondson and Privates James A. Edwards and Harry E. Courtney.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sergeant Merle (Windy) West and his entourage of indoor Rembrandts—painting his new quarters like mad. (All it took was five quarts.)

Our man on the street: Harry C. (for Crisco) Agruss saying, "War is hell," as he complains of the watermelon shortage, "it's hitting below the belt." (What a target!)

Private Bob C. Anderson and Tech/4th Gr. Harold Junso sharpening up the flats and sharps for their new radio program. Contrast in music well worth listening to.

Friendship rampant once more since the election is over.

Cpl. Hugh Ashley doing a swell job with his entertainment schedule and the satisfied look sported by the audience attest to the above.

Cpl. Scott Ross, coach of the Presidio basketball team, predicting that his team will go a long way in the coming tournaments.

T/5th Gr. Jesse Allan well on the road to recovery at the Annex after a seige of illness.

T/5th Gr. Patrick J. Sullivan building up a balance at the blood bank. (First time this year he hasn't been over-drawn.)

What's My Name?

Here's another in a series of "What's My Name?" quizes designed to keep you informed on our world leaders at war. "What's My Name?" is adapted from the radio quiz of the same name which is conducted every Thursday morning at 10 in the Recreation Center by Art Linkletter, popular radio star of NBC.

Why not test your knowledge? See how much you know about today's famous leader. You'll be given four biographical clues each designed to give you a tip as to his identity. If you know the answer after the first clue your score is 100 per cent. The correct answer on the second clue gives you 75 per cent and so on. A score of 25 per cent is average. When you are sure that you know, turn to page eight and check your answer with the correct one.

Clue No. 1:

I was born 52 years ago in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. I was the third son of the fourth Earl of Caledon. The family was Catholic in a predominantly Protestant region. My father died when I was a child and when I was older, lacking parental discipline, I ran wild over the countryside with my four brothers returning to the house only for food and sleep. What's My Name?

Clue No. 2:

I went to Harrow and Sandhurst (which is Britain's West Point). I was a very gay young blade, an indifferent student but a top-flight athlete. In 1914 I won the Irish mile—6,721 feet—in 4 minutes 33 seconds. After leaving Sandhurst I started my military career in the Irish Guards. What's My Name?

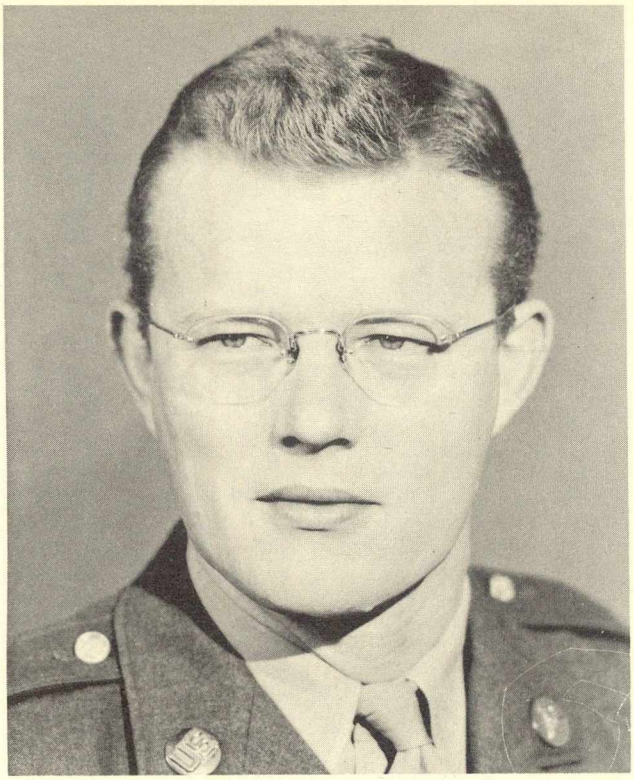
Clue No. 3:

In World War I, I went over the top 30 times, was wounded twice, became a batallion commander and Lt. Colonel at the age of 26. After the Armistice I commanded a force of Letts and Germans who fought the Russian Bolsheviks in the Baltic. What's My Name?

Clue No. 4:

My first four names are Harold Rupert Leofric George and I'm in command of all the Allied forces in the Italian theater of war. What's My Name?

TALENTED CORPORAL TELLS IT OVER THE AIR FOR THE ARMY



Cpl. ROBERT L. COLVIG
Letterman's Premier announcer on the local P.A. system

Some of us have a hard time to find one indulgent soul to listen to us, but Corporal Robert L. Colvig has managed to be heard transcontinentally over KYN and KALE, the Portland, Oregon, radio stations where he acted as an announcer in his civilian days. And now he lends a fine professional touch to the twice-weekly programs of the Personal Affairs office in his capacity as announcer.

In July, 1943, Colvig gracefully accepted his invitation from Uncle Sam and traveled to Fort Lewis for basic training. After the Army had accomplished the minor miracle of fitting the 6 foot 3½-inch young man with a pair of size 13 double 'E' shoes, he emigrated to the Boise Barracks in Idaho and from there came to Letterman, where he studied pharmacy in the enlisted technicians' school and was afterward assigned to duty on one of the wards.

His present occupation at the hospital is as executive assistant to Captain Andrew R. Edwards, Jr., in the Information and Education office, where he is fondly known as Professor Colvig. Among his extra-curricular activities the corporal works with Pfc. Robert Anderson on the Letterman radio programs. As he modestly puts it, his is the 'brain-work' of the program.

Corporal Colvig attended the Southern Oregon Normal School and the University of Oregon, majoring in journalism and art. When the war is over, he intends to take advantage of the educational facilities offered by the Army to study architecture. In spite of the apparent boundless energy suggested by these ambitions, his recreational activities are definitely of the passive type. For active sports, he tells us, he plays chess, and for less strenuous moments, he likes to just 'sit and rest.'

Corporal Colvig is married, and his wife lives in San Francisco. He has one brother overseas in the air intelligence in the Navy. One of his claims to fame is his kinship to 'Pinto' Colvig, his cousin, who is also a 'sound' man. 'Pinto' makes the sounds for animated cartoons. Another is the invention, which he is now perfecting, of dehydrated water. We forebore to question him further on this subject. But we invite you to do so at your own risk.

Winged Victory Cast Entertains At Letterman

The hearty laughter emanating from the Recreation Hall on the afternoon of November 14 was brought about by the entertainment furnished the hospital by some of the cast from the now famous Army Air Force show, "Winged Victory."

The show, which is a Moss Hart production, with musical score by Dave Rose, has a cast of three hundred and is touring the country, with benefits to go to the Army Emergency Relief. A part of the cast, under the auspices of the Armed Forces Entertainment Committee, will visit the Army hospitals in the vicinities in which they are playing to entertain the patients.

Furnishing the entertainment at Letterman were Staff Sergeant Ray Middleton, who sang "The Glory Road" and was brought back numerous times for encores; Corporal Ray MacDonald, tap dancer extraordinary; Sergeant Jerry Adler, who did amazing things with his harmonica; Staff Sergeant George Reeves, guitarist, who starred opposite Miss Claudette Colbert in the picture "So Proudly We Hail;" Sergeant Charles Siegal, also a former movie actor, and the master of ceremonies Corporal Paul McMann, whose repertoire seemed to include everything.

The entertainment took place in one of the wards and was reported at Recreation Center.

Letterman Orchestra Plays for Stage-Door Canteen

Thursday night, November 14, the Letterman orchestra, under the direction of Corporal Hugh C. Ashley, entertained at the Stage Door Canteen on the U.S.O. entertainment program. The orchestra contributed both novelties and dance music. Vocalists with the orchestra at its Canteen engagement were Mrs. Kathleen Tracy and Corporal Hugh C. Ashley. In spite of a constantly shifting personnel, the Letterman orchestra has maintained a high degree of proficiency and has been enthusiastically received both at the hospital and on its outside volunteer engagements.

MORE ABOUT PLASMA STORY

(Continued from page 1)

advisory capacity to the Medical Department of the Army. One of the first problems brought up concerned blood transfusion, surgical shock and blood banks, which resulted in the formation of a committee on shock and transfusions.

It was immediately evident that for use in distant places, liquid or dried plasma would have to be used. Liquid plasma could be used in hospitals within the country, but a preference was expressed for dried plasma for storage, preservation aboard ship, and for use in mobile and fixed overseas medical installations. In the meantime another movement to obtain blood donors and plasma was being started in the United States. In June, 1940, a meeting was called in response to a plea from the British Red Cross that blood plasma be sent from America. A joint project was developed by the Blood Transfusion Betterment Association of New York and the New York Chapter of the American Red Cross. The New York Chapter was to obtain donors, and the Association to collect the blood and process the plasma, while the Red Cross took care of the shipments to England. By November of 1940, 8,000 donors had already contributed blood in seven hospitals in New York City.

On March 20, 1940, Commander J. J. Hogan of the Medical Reserve of the Navy wrote the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery indicating that in case of national emergency there would be a great demand for intravenous fluids to be used in case of shock, burns, hemorrhage and other injuries. By July, 1940, the Naval Medical School had installed equipment for the processing of liquid plasma, and voluntary blood donors from the staff of the school were contributing the blood for limited supplies of plasma for clinical and research purposes. In December of 1940 the Army established the Blood Research Division of the Army Medical School, and voluntary donors contributed. This was the beginning. In 1941 nearly 50,000 pints of blood were obtained, in 1942, 1,325,000 pints were contributed. 1943 saw the number reaching 4,280,000 pints, and in 1944, 5,000,000 or more will be collected.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For week of Nov. 20 to Nov. 27

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
Ping Pong Tournament	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	SSO 1400	Wards
WEDNESDAY—		
Birthday Party given by the Grey Ladies—Everybody Welcome!	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—		
Judy Dean, Radio Artist, also Benny Walker, Rena Marcelle, Acc. and Songs.		
June Allyson, Starlet from M.G.M. Sings and Star of Pictures —Two Girls and a Sailor, Meet The People, Best Foot Forward, and Music for Millions..	SSO 1400	Wards
THANKSGIVING PARTY—		
Femmes, Food, Fun!	ARC 1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—		
Make a Talking Record, Popular Record Hour—Hear Your favorite Tunes	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—		
San Francisco Singing Strings—Musicale—Social Hour with girl guests following	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall

Poly Cadet . . .



Letterman Says Aloha To Group of Officers

Nine officers of Letterman Hospital and the Letterman Annex, some of whom have been stationed here for a long period of time, said farewell this week to the hospital as they left for Fort Lewis, washington, and reassignment. The departing officers, all of the Medical Administrative Corps, were Captain Calvin C. Gatz, Captain Herbert Mason, Captain Owen J. Brady, Captain Albert L. Larsen, First Lieutenant Bernard D. Ozehoski, First Lieutenant Stephen Haff, Jr., First Lieutenant Harry Y. K. Chan, Second Lieutenant William C. Hohorst, and Second Lieutenant Robert J. Thomas. Letterman wishes you luck on your new assignments.

News From Home

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS)—A local man has discovered a method of making peanut oil fine enough to lubricate watches.

Butte, Mont (CNS)—Arrested for pelting fellow customers in a restaurant with green peas, a local resident explained that he was "unstrung" by the war.

Chicago (CNS)—The cigaret shortage has become so acute here that Virginia Thatcher, who runs the tobacco counter in a hotel here, is smoking cigars. "Keeps them from asking for cigarets," she explains.

Evanston, Ill (CNS) — A local lady has asked a court to judge her husband insane because he dared to talk back to her.

Houston, Tex (CNS)—An out-of-state resident rented a home here and was both surprised and dismayed to find a corpse in the cellar. Police learned it had been left there by departing tenants.

Hyannis, Mass (CNS)—A porter groaned under the weight of a suitcase he was carrying for a lady in the local railroad station. "What's in it?" he inquired. "Nothing but beach sand for my children," the lady replied.

Indianapolis (CNS) — Johnny Ryan, a professional bondsman, fell asleep and started snoring in court. He was awakened by the judge, who then fined him $16 for contempt.

Here is the answer to this week's "WHAT'S MY NAME?" which you'll find on page seven of this week's FOG HORN:

My name is General Harold L. Alexander.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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General Hillman Starts Local War Loan Campaign

The opening gun of the sixth War Loan Drive was fired last Monday when the commanding general, Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman handed his personal check to First Lieutenant William R. Moody, War Bond Officer, for the purchase of the first bond sold for cash at this station during this drive. The presentation was made in the General's office at two o'clock and officially opened Letterman's Sixth War Loan Drive Campaign.

During this campaign it is planned to have speakers from the Northern California War Finance Committee address the various elements of the command. Mr. William V. Reagan, Vice Chairman of this committee, will address the officers and nurses at the Recreation Center at three-thirty o'clock on Tuesday, 28 November. At another date, to be announced later, the civilian employees will hear Mr. Charles Rosenthal, an outstanding speaker, from the same committee. Mr. Rosenthal will speak at the Recreation Center also.

Also in connection with this campaign, it is hoped that an auction will be held in the Letterman patio with several hard to get items being offered to the buyer of the highest denomination bond sold at that time. Full details of this will be announced later. There will be a band and music and fun for all.

While there has been no goal set for Letterman for this drive, the national goal is $14,000,000,000.00 of which $5,000,000,000.00 is expected to come from the sale of bonds to individuals for cash. It is the desire of the commanding general that all previous totals reached at Letterman be surpassed in this drive.



GENERAL HILLMAN
Opening the local War Bond Drive by presenting his check to Lt. W. R. Moody, War Bond Director, for the first bond purchased for cash in the current drive.

Patterson Promotion Pleases People

Promotion orders received this week for three of our prominent officers brought forth immediate congratulations from all sides and no promotions in recent times have evoked such genuine expressions of pleasure.

Lieut. Colonel Russell H. Patterson, who has been Chief of the Surgical Service for almost two years, was advanced to the rank of Colonel, while Major Charles F. McCuskey and Major Franklin B. Bogart, were promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Lieut. Colonel McCuskey has been Chief of Anesthesiology at Letterman since May 12, 1942, with additional duty as Consultant in Anesthesiology for the Ninth Service Command, while Col. Bogart has been Chief of Radiological Service here since October 5, 1942.

Mardikian Dinner is Highlight of Thanksgiving

In keeping with what has become an annual custom for him, Mr. George Mardikian, proprietor of the famed "Omar Khayyam" Restaurant of San Francisco, again played host to approximately 200 wounded service men of the army and navy and marine corps on Wednesday afternoon of this week. It gave the boys an early start on Thanksgiving celebrating and the dinner served by George Mardikian set a pace that even Uncle Sam would have difficulty in matching.

For the third year in succession, in addition to a dinner of superb quality, Mr. Mardikian has furnished entertainment of the highest calibre. This year the Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Rudy Vallee, late of the Coast Guard, assisted by Russ Morgan, Joaquin Garay, Alice Tyrrell, Al Wallace, Linda Stevens, Frank Denke, Sonia Shaw, and the Vagabonds, well known to stage and screen fans.

The guests of honor were war wounded service men undergoing treatment at the Naval Hospital, Mare Island, the Naval Hospital, Shoemaker, the Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, the Naval Hospital, Oakland, and Letterman General Hospital. The commanding officers of all the hospitals mentioned were also present with members of their staffs and Brigadier General C. C. Hillman represented Letterman. He was accompanied by Col. William D. Herbert, Major Lester J. Sawyer, 1st Lieut. Alice M. Curto, ANC., 1st Lieut. Elizabeth E. Foster, ANC., and 2nd Lieut. Elizabeth E. Reese, WAC., Public Relations Officer. The invocation was given by Lieut. Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Senior Chaplain at Letterman.

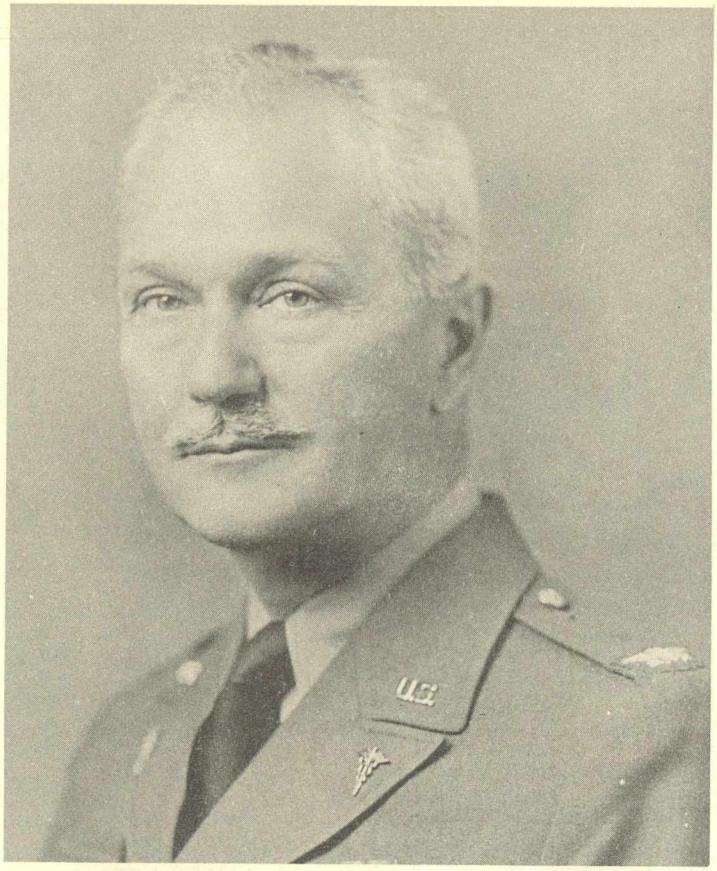
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STARK GENERAL HOSPITAL OUTSTANDING DEBARKATION CENTER

Operating as one of the four debarkation points on the East Coast, Stark General Hospital has done an important job in the program of the Army's Medical Corps.

By May 18, 1944, the hospital's third anniversary, more than 20,000 men had been registered as patients. Today, however, Stark's job is far from finished, for there remains the huge task of returning the wounded and sick who are still overseas and of giving them sufficient treatment to return them to health and the opportunity for useful living in civilian life.

The U. S. Hospital Ship **Acadia** brought the first load of wounded veterans to Stark Hospital on November 5, 1943. The patients were unloaded at the Port of Embarkation, transferred to Stark and a few days later removed to general hospitals nearer their homes. And because Charleston is nearer most of the Army's General Hospitals than other East Coast ports, because the harbor and unloading facilities are excellent, and because the first ship load of patients had been handled so efficiently, Colonel W. W. Vaughan, Stark's Commanding Officer, was informed by the Surgeon General that the hospital had been honored with a major portion of the task of debarking the returning veterans from the European theater.



Colonel WILLIAM W. VAUGHAN, M. C.
Commanding Stark General Hospital

Before that time Stark had served as a regular General Hospital for the Fourth Service Command, the Carribean and Panama Canal Zone. From November 5, 1943 to May 28, 1944 it functioned solely as a debarkation hospital. In February, 1944, however, Colonel Vaughan had been given command of what had formerly served as one of the Port of Embarkation's Staging Areas, located directly across Dorchester Road from the hospital. By May, 1944, enough of the remodelling had been completed in what was called the Stark Annex, to more than double the bed capacity. At that time Stark began serving again as a regular Army general hospital in addition to its debarkation duties. Since May, many of the returning veterans from South and North Carolina have remained at Stark for definitive treatment. A huge reconditioning program was organized which is functioning today.

The first patients had been removed by hospital trains and trains have continued to be used for the major part of the evacuation. However, since January, 1944, when the first mass air evacuation by the planes of the Troop Carrier Command took place, many of Stark's patients have left by air. The air evacuation has been found most useful in cases where patients must be moved long distances. Time and money have been saved and the patients have had an easier and more comfortable trip.

Stark is located on the site of the old Accabe plantation up the Ashley River from Charleston. Colonel Alexander N. Stark, in whose honor the hospital was named, was on duty in Charleston during the first World War until 1917 when he was transferred to France as Surgeon of the First Army. Colonel Stark was a Virginian, son of Alexander Wilson Stark, a Confederate soldier. He received his medical training at the University of Virginia.

The hospital's first commanding officer was Colonel William B. Meister who in May, 1942, was transferred to the position of Surgeon at West Point. The present commanding officer, Colonel W. W. Vaughan, assumed his duties at that time. Colonel Vaughan, a Virginian who attended the University of Virginia like Colonel Stark, was commanding officer of a base hospital in France during the last war and previous to being assigned in Charleston had served in hospitals throughout this country and in the Philippines.

Stark General Hospital is outstanding for the manner in which the wounded from overseas battle fronts are received and welcomed to that hospital.

All hospital ships arriving at the Port of Embarkation at Charleston are met by the Commanding General, Port of Embarkation, and the Commanding Officer of Stark General Hospital. The Port Band and the WAC Band play appropriate music as the patients are carried from the ship and placed in waiting ambulances for the seven mile ride to the hospital area.

A boarding party, consisting of the representatives of the medical and surgical staff of the hospital, goes out to the ship in the harbor prior to docking and all patients are tagged for the proper wards so there is no delay on arrival at the hospital.

A very efficient corps of military police directs all traffic in connection with the movement of patients from the port through the streets of Charleston and to the hospital area.

An asset to the command at Stark is the WAC band. This organization owes its being to the interest and encouragement of Colonel Vaughan and the lady musicians contribute greatly to the morale of the patients and personnel. The band plays daily for retreat ceremonies at the flagstaff in front of the headquarters building and the daily march of the band from the barracks to headquarters is an exhibition of the results of the solid basic training received by the members of the WAC during their early days in the service. They march like the real soldiers which they are.

A recently completed gymnasium enhances the reconditioning program in force and it is almost incredible to watch the patients in action. It is hard to realize that these men were but recently picked up from a foreign battle field, and the zest with which they enter into the supervised games is inspiring.

Colonel Vaughan and his competent staff deserve commendation for the splendid work done at Stark. It is really a fine place to come back to, as one of the patients put it, and a credit to the Medical Department.

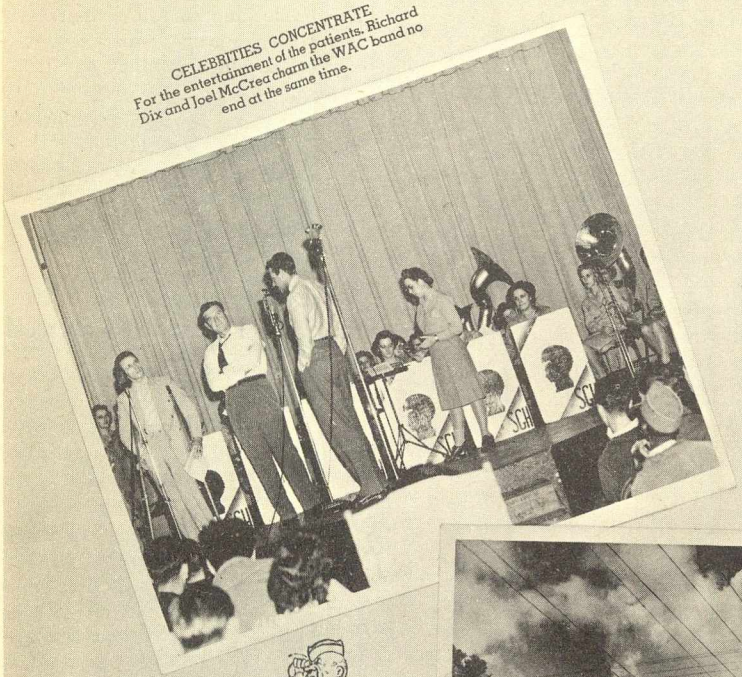
MORE ABOUT MARDIKIAN DINNER

Elaborate souvenir menu programs were distributed to all the guests and provision made for mailing copies to the home folks on request.

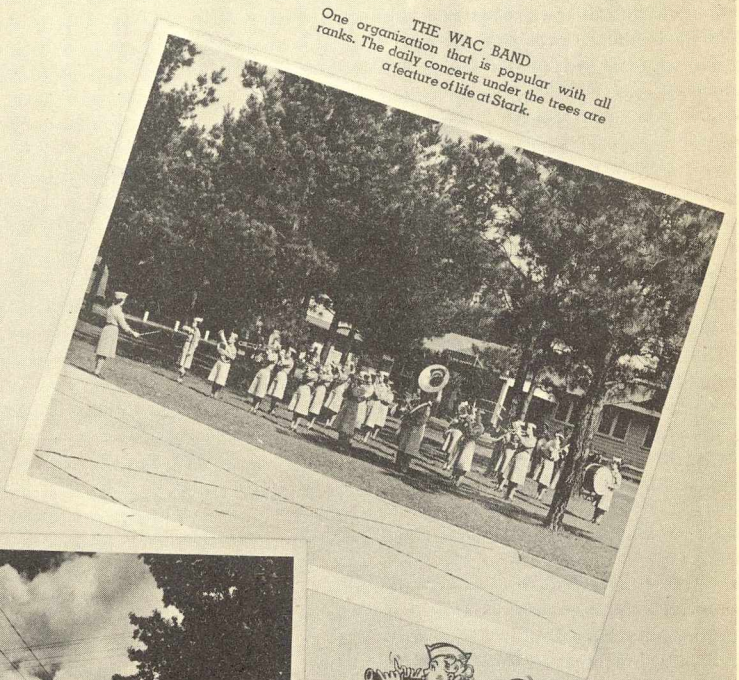
Mrs. George Mardikian and a committee of ladies assisted in receiving and placing the guests on arrival. Mr. Mardikian addressed the gathering with a few well chosen words of welcome—and then came the food.

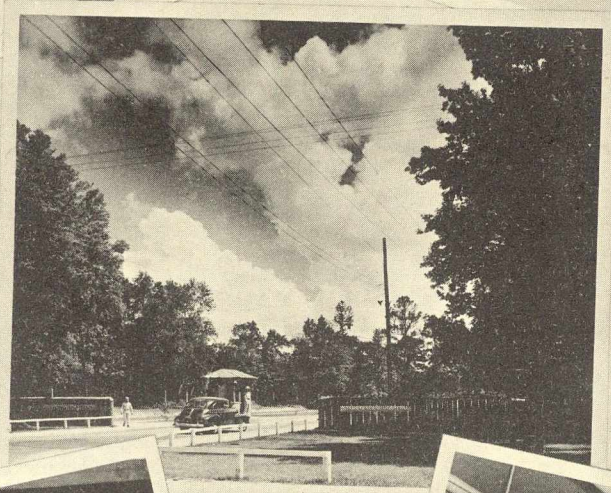
The men of Letterman fortunate enough to be included in the invitation to the dinner will long remember the day, the dinner and the kindness of George Mardikian.

CELEBRITIES CONCENTRATE
For the entertainment of the patients, Richard Dix and Joel McCrea charm the WAC band no end at the same time.



THE WAC BAND
One organization that is popular with all ranks. The daily concerts under the trees are a feature of life at Stark.



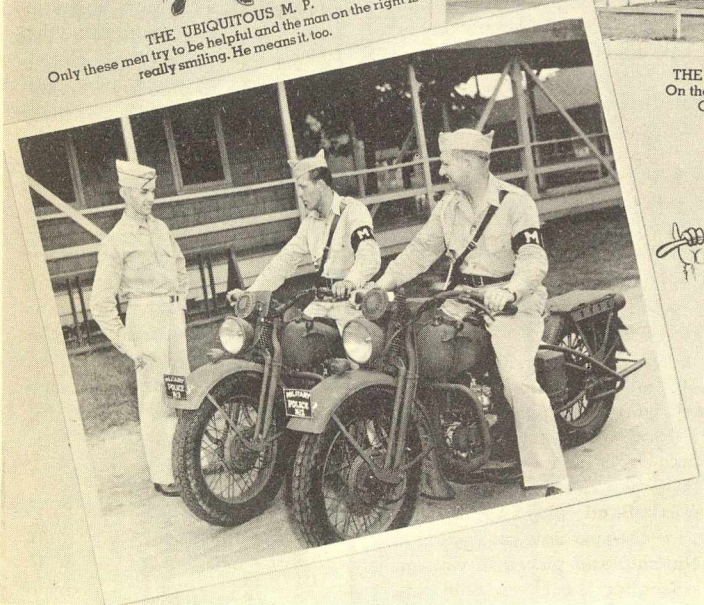




THE UBIQUITOUS M. P.
Only these men try to be helpful and the man on the right is really smiling. He means it, too.

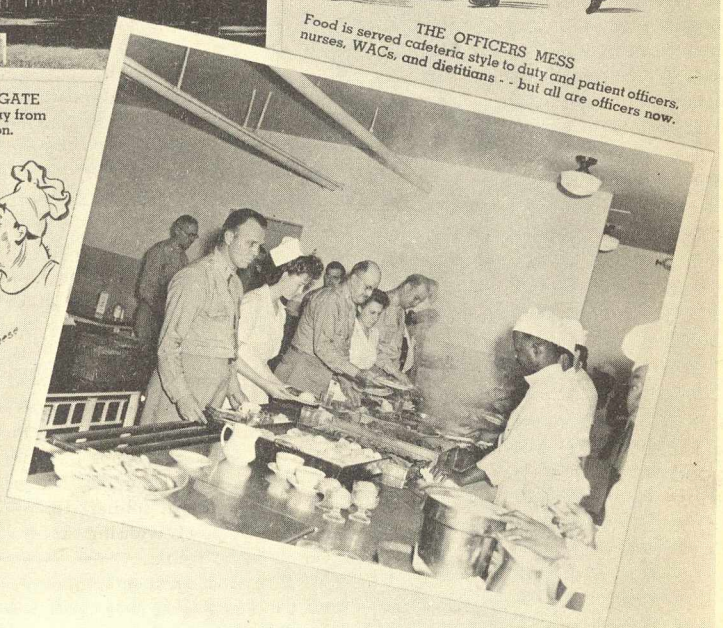


THE OFFICERS MESS
Food is served cafeteria style to duty and patient officers, nurses, WACs, and dietitians - - but all are officers now.



THE MAIN GATE
On the highway from Charleston.





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OSCAR F. NOLAN

When the last echo of the final note of muted "Taps" faded in the woods above the National Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, and the hundreds of friends—starred generals and simple privates, wealthy and poor, but all friends of the late Lieutenant Colonel Oscar F. Nolan began the slow walk back to the cemetery gate there was one thought uppermost in the minds of the mourners—the world was poorer for his passing.

Oscar Nolan was a soldier. One who had fought the good fight and laid away with full military honors in keeping with the traditions and customs of the service.

Oscar Nolan was a physician. His life was devoted to the relief of pain and suffering. With him there was no distinction of class or rank; to him all were patients, and all received the benefit of his skill and broad knowledge of human ills.

Oscar Nolan was a gentleman. He was endowed with the personal warmth and charm native to the deep south whence he sprung and he possessed an old world graciousness which endeared him to his friends. He was ever ready with a kindly word for all, and his good deeds are known only to those he helped.

Oscar Nolan rests in hallowed ground. His spirit has gone but his memory will live as long as life remains in the grateful hearts of all to whom he was Friend, Physician, and Benefactor.



Lucky First Lieutenant **May D. Hanawalt.** She received seven days leave and left for San Diego early this week in order to eat her Thanksgiving turkey in the southern California area. Could it be that turkeys have a different flavor in that section of the country?

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A hearty welcome is extended to 1st Lieutenant **Katherine I. Schmanska,** who joined the Letterman nursing staff after a tour of duty at the Station Hospital at Camp San Luis Obispo, California.

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From the Dante Annex comes word that four nurses will leave the early part of next week for a port of embarkation in the east. The group includes: 2nd Lieutenant **Ina Ruth Evans, Irene A. Gembala, Phyllis I. Phillips** and **Eileen R. Williams.** The four nurses leave with the best wishes of both military and civilian personnel who have known and worked with them.

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Our salute is directed to twenty nurses of the 1960th train unit this week, who visited the blood bank and donated a pint of blood for war wounded men of the fighting fronts.

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2nd Lieutenant **Helen Wright,** formerly of the nursing staff here and now with the train unit, informs us of the recent change in her signature. Since she was married not so long ago she adds 'Underwood' to anything and everything she signs.

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Captain **Mary M. Steppan** proudly informs our operative of the new paint job on the kitchen floors of the nurses quarters. "It's a lovely red color," she said.

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1st Lieut. **Ann B. Bakalar,** late of Letterman, writes from Camp Shelby in praise of her new outfit.

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Lieut. **Regina Burnett** from "over there" reporting all doing well now that "bikes" are not used so much.

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Lieut. **Kathleen E. O'Connor** is still speechless and unable to write; says she cannot tell what she knows and what she can tell is not too interesting. Ho hum!!

THE OBSERVER SAW

Our new Colonel being bussed by two of the most attractive young ladies in the command on the occasion of his promotion. Some people get everything.

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Colonel **John Flick,** surgical consultant for the Ninth Service Command, with a good word for shrimp omelettes under certain conditions.

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Mrs. **Janis Rhodes** breaking into poetry—but good.

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Mrs. **Lucille Starr,** confined to quarters for too long, promising to return to her desk on Monday next.

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Mr. **Nicholas De Stefano,** of the Telephone Company, adding a real Thanksgiving touch to the Telephone Center for the day.

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Colonel Harvey F. Hendrickson yearning for ships that never come in.

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Captain **Benjamin W. Lefene,** long time family doctor to the army at large, acting as Chief of the Outpatient clinic in addition to his other duties.

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Mrs. **Rhonda Yarter** stocking up for the early Christmas shoppers in the main store of the P. X.

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Bill Brooks, ace boot black, admitting that he has a good assistant at last.

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Johnny Wolitarsky doubling at every job in the grill. Talk to him about the man or woman power shortage some time.

SPECIAL

Military personnel who desire to send messages to relatives or friends who are prisoners of war or civilian internees in the Philippines are advised to contact Miss Gloria Rich, Field Director, American Red Cross, at Letterman Hospital, without delay. These messages will be accepted only during the month of November.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, November 26, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Col. Nolan Interred

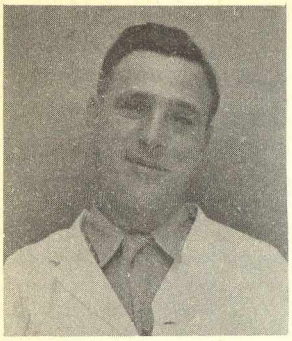
Funeral services for the late Lieutenant Colonel Oscar F. Nolan were held at the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco, in the presence of hundreds of military and civilian friends, on Wednesday afternoon. Interment followed in the National Cemetery at the Presidio. Chaplain L. Lane McCammon, assistant post chaplain of Letterman Hospital was the officiating clergyman at the services.

Colonel Nolan lost his life in the accidental capsizing of a small boat in the lagoon at Point Reyes, near Inverness, while duck hunting with a friend, on 12 November. The body was not recovered until a week later.

The funeral cortege consisted of the 253rd Army Band, under Chief Warrant Officer Lynn Decker, and a detachment of enlisted men from Letterman Hospital under command of Lieut. Jack F. Pischke. The honorary pall bearers were Colonel Russell H. Patterson, Colonel Ross Paull, Lieut. Col. Franklin Bogart, Lieut. Col. Charles F. McCuskey, Major Clinton V. Ervin, Jr., Major Lester J. Sawyer, Major Harold C. Alward, Major Vincent E. Johanson, Major Harold L. Stewart, Major Charles M. Taylor, Major Lloyd G. Welty, and Captain Benjamin W. Lafene. The active pall bearers—all non commissioned officers of Letterman—were Mr. Sgt. Henry Kunz, Mr. Sgt. Charles Mehr, Mr. Sgt. Theodore Schmierer, Tech. Sgt. William H. Day, Tech. Sgt. Ernest L. Brensel, and Tech. Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans.

Colonel Nolan is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen Marion Nolan, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Nolan, his brother, Mr. James A. Nolan, and his two sisters, Miss Mamie Nolan and Mrs. Clyde Creagh, all of Lafayette, Louisiana.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



LOUIS J. MOLARO
Pfc., Med. Dept.

We could hardly say he was blown in—but Private Louis J. Molaro, featured "Buck of the Week" — hails from the 'windy city' of Chicago, Illinois, and is temporarily performing duties of a corpsman on Ward '1' until the ship platoon to which he belongs is assigned to a hospital ship.

Private Molaro was born in Chicago on 16 November 1913, and remained in that vicinity to receive all of his education. Upon completion of his schooling he secured a job as a truck driver but left that to work for one of the local serviceman's clubs. At this job he remained until he was drafted.

On 7 September 1943 he embarked on his army career—first at Camp Grant, Illinois, where he was inducted and assigned to the Infantry. Then Molaro was sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for his basic training, where, because of a physical handicap, he was transferred from the infantry to the medical corps. Subsequently he moved on to Camp Barkeley, where he underwent a rigid training period, with the unit he is now assigned to, for preparation to handle a difficult job.

After training as a medic was completed Molaro was trekking on to Camp Stoneman, California, where each member of his platoon received a furlough shortly after arrival—and lucky Louis got 16 days. He went home to his wife who resides in Chicago and arrived back to his station on schedule.

However, he was not there for longer than a week after his return then he was on his way again—this time to Letterman.

The private does not participate in any sport other than a little swimming — but his enthusiasm knows no bounds when he can witness a contest in any sport.

U.S. Occupied Germany Becomes Laboratory for Military Rule

By Camp Newspaper Service

The "fingernail" of German territory now held by American troops is serving as a laboratory where military government officers are learning, by practical experience, many lessons which will prove useful when much more of the enemy's country comes under our rule.

The occupied territory of Germany over which Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower now rules begins on a flat, windmill-dotted plain northeast of the little Dutch town of Sittard and extends southward beyond ruined Aachen.

This occupied Germany had 250,000 population before the Nazis began evacuating it. Probably fewer than 50,000 are left. Its predominant population today is the American Army, which doesn't regard itself at the moment as an army of occupation, but as an army poised for further invasion.

That fact conditions the character of the military government. Its temporary regime is in the area of active military movement. It is under German shellfire by day; German bombs fall on it at night. Tanks and anti-tank guns are dug into potato fields. Important artillery emplacements may be camouflaged in sugar beet fields.

German civilians live in what Lewis Gannett, of the New York Herald Tribune, a front-line correspondent has called a "Teutonic Ghetto." They are not permitted to stand and talk in the streets. Throughout most of the region, they are permitted in the streets only on certain hours of the day. In one area, for instance, it is between noon and 1300, when housewives do their shopping. Farm workers are permitted to go to the fields at dawn, but must return by 1730. Only the American-appointed mayor, doctor, priest and town policeman have permits good at any daylight hour.

Each house bears on its door a placard listing the inhabitants, their occupations and ages.

In each of the 20-odd towns in the territory, American authorities, after careful checking, have named temporary burgomeisters, who are responsible for order and food distribution. None is paid, but some towns already are installing tax systems. Food distribution, except in a few cases where whole villages were evacuated to camps in the rear, is left entirely to German officials and varies from village to village. In Cangelt, each resident is allotted 300 pounds of potatoes to carry him until the next harvest. This same ration was accorded under German rule, and the old ration cards are still used.

On the whole, there have been few cases of disobedience, and no evidence that any Germans are organizing to implement Himmler's appeal for an anti-American underground. The Germans obey orders and take care of their own local affairs. Uniformly, they express relief at being out of the war.

Offenses for which civilians have been fined or imprisoned are: appearing in the streets during forbidden hours, trespassing beyond specified limits, and, in one case, going outdoors at night with a lighted cigarette. The officer who tried the case doubts the latter offense was deliberate.



LETTERMAN BASKETBALL TEAM
Standing, L to R: Capt. Andrew R. Edwards, Sgt. Lou Slott, Pvt. Larry Remple, Pvt. James Murphy, Sgt. William Puterbaugh. Kneeling, L to R: Cpl. Scott Ross, Sgt. Robert J. Bement.

ON THE SPOT



KENNETH L. JOHNSON
Pfc., Inf., Unasg.

"I killed a few Japs—but not as many as I would like to have killed," says Private First Class Kenneth L. Johnson of the Infantry and just returned from the South Pacific fighting fronts and put "On The Spot' this week.

Private Johnson's regiment, a part of the 25th Infantry Division, saw intensive action in New Georgia for several weeks after going in on July 24th of last year, including the capture of Munda airfield, where the Japs fought a last ditch stand with bayonets and grenades.

"One of the Japs had crawled up to within about 15 feet of my hole," Johnson related, "one day in New Georgia, before I heard him. It was broad daylight but he was in the high grass. I took a shot at him with my M-1 rifle, and then when he got up and started for me, I let him have three more in a hurry. He died on his feet.

"That same day my partner and I got two more," he continued. "He spotted them in a tree, and both of us cut loose. My buddy, Private Grant Hagen, could really use a Browning automatic rifle. There's no telling how many he got with his BAR."

"Then we went over to the next island, Kolombangara, after that," he said, "where the Japs had a six-incher they had been using to shell our command post on New Georgia. We knocked out old 'Pistol Pete, as we called the gun, and finished a mopping up job on the little island in three days."

Inducted in March, 1941, Private Johnson trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, with the 41st Infantry Division. He went overseas with that division, arriving in the Hawaiian Islands 15 days after the Pearl Harbor attack. He joined the 25th Infantry Division there.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: Privates **Richard F. Barquist, Floyd M. Estess, Erwin H. Braff, Robert D. Lindsay, Thomas Hovet, Neil V. White, Harold C. Zweng, Eugene W. Minard** and Sergeant **Sigmund Arywite.**

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Farwell and good luck to Privates **Samuel R. Brooks** and **Emery W. Stanfield** who left the detachment this week.

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Furloughs are still the order of the day and Private Guy L. Lewis received 23 days; Tech/Sgt. Douglas A. Beran and Private Ralph C. Woolard each received 21 days. Other lucky GIs were Private Phillip Sager with 17 days and Tech/3rd Gr. Dey E. Heazlit and Tech/4th Gr. Amos M. Skadsheim each with 15 days also Private Rolland F. Beedy with 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl. **Lester J. Miller** proudly passing out cigars last Thursday, when his wife gave birth to a five pound baby girl.

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Sgt. **Caesar J. Michelotti** taking a rest cure on Ward "G." As if he needed a rest!!

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S/Sgt. **Herbert Goldstein** " 'Skinny Innis' of Letterman" — lending his talents to the local broadcasting station.

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Cpl. **Harry Brix** and **Cpl. Robert L. Colvig** comparing their sizes of G. I. shoes (or we could say boats).

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T/Sgt. **William H.** (for Hezzy) **Day** soaking in the California sunshine these days in back of the lower lab.

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The detachment 'gallantly' wishing the best of luck to formerly Pvt. **William Adsit** who returned to civilian life last week.

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Everything under control and running smoothly again on Ward C-1—now that T/5th Gr. **David C. Taber** has returned from Dibble General Hospital and has resumed his duties as ward master there.

A LADY TO TRUST WITH A SECRET— SEES ALL—TELLS NOTHING



Mrs. RAMONA GOODPASTURE
Supervisor of civilian technicians in Radiological Section

In the good old days of the past it was sometimes possible to keep a secret, but now, with X-ray and the skilled technicians who manipulate the machines, it is practically impossible to conceal anything. One young man learned this to his sorrow when he came to Letterman Hospital for an examination for induction into the Army, Mrs. Ramona Goodpasture, supervisor of civilian technicians of the X-ray laboratory, tells us. The X-ray showed up innumerable small bits of razor reposing inside the young man. When the Army reluctantly turned him down, he admitted that he had spent the major part of his youth swallowings swords and razors for a circus.

Mrs. Goodpasture came to Letterman in February of 1941, and she has seen a great many strange things show up in the pictures she takes so skillfully, including safety-pins, buttons, nickels and tacks. Her original interest in her profession dates back to the time she became fascinated by the X-ray machine belonging to her uncle, who was a dentist. After her academic schooling, she decided to learn more about X-ray and took the required years hospital study at French Hospital in San Francisco, following this by working there as an X-ray technician. She acquired more experience by working at the Highland Hospital in Oakland and at St. Mary's in San Francisco.

During her working career she married a young man with whom she had gone to school in San Jose, who is now somewhere in Germany with the Field Artillery, and after her work at St. Mary's she retired for about two years before coming to Letterman Hospital. When she and her husband built their own home and garden; however, she wanted a part in earning it, so decided to go back to her work and came to Letterman, where she was first employed in taking X-rays. Her present job as supervisor, among other duties, entails the daily assignment of work for the technicians and making appointments for X-rays, examinations and emergency treatments. The X-rays are now used extensively in looking for bullets, shrapnel and fractures.

Apart from her work, the pert, black-haired, brown-eyed supervisor is kept more than busy with her home, her garden and her dog, all of which she intends to have in such fine condition when her husband comes home that not even an X-ray could show a flaw.



To Major and Mrs. Emmet L. O'Connor a daughter, Nancy; born 17 November; weight 8 pounds 7 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Raymond C. O'Brien a daughter, Sharon Lee; born 17 November; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Leo U. Haley a daughter, Linda Carol; born 16 November; weight 7 pounds.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Perry R. Holland a son, Perry Richard III; born 14 November; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Wilferd N. Pregill a son, Philip Noble; born 14 November; weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. David Ross Brower a son, Kenneth David; born 15 November; weight 6 pounds 5 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Douglas R. Crowe a daughter, Gayle Diane; born 18 November; weight 9 pounds 5 ounces.

To A. C. and Mrs. Edwin L. Keven a daughter, Karen Ann; born 18 November; weight 9 pounds 4 ounces.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. John F. Sullivan a son, John Edwin; born 17 November; weight 6 pounds 4 ounces.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Daniel C. Webber a daughter, Susan; born 17 November; weight 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Richard B. Pyatt, a son, Richard Ray; born 16 November; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. William F. Barnett, a daughter, Barbara Ann; born 16 November; weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Robert D. Menefee a daughter, Sandra Lee; born 18 November; weight 5 pounds 8 ounces.

Nurses Entertain For The Command

The Principal Chief Nurse and the nurses of the command played hosts to the officers and their families at a cocktail party in the Recreation Hall on Friday last from 1700 to 2000. Especially invited were the nurses from the Hospital Train Unit at the Presidio.

Some 200 guests were present including General and Mrs. Hillman and General and Mrs. Weed. Major Josephine Motl and Captain Ruth Wagner welcomed the guests and a committee consisting of Lieuts. May D. Hanawalt, Elizabeth E. Foster, Mary E. Tyrrell, Mildred K. Osborn, Normal Hamilton, Margaret J. Giles and Evelyn N. Barbier made all the arrangements.

Basketball

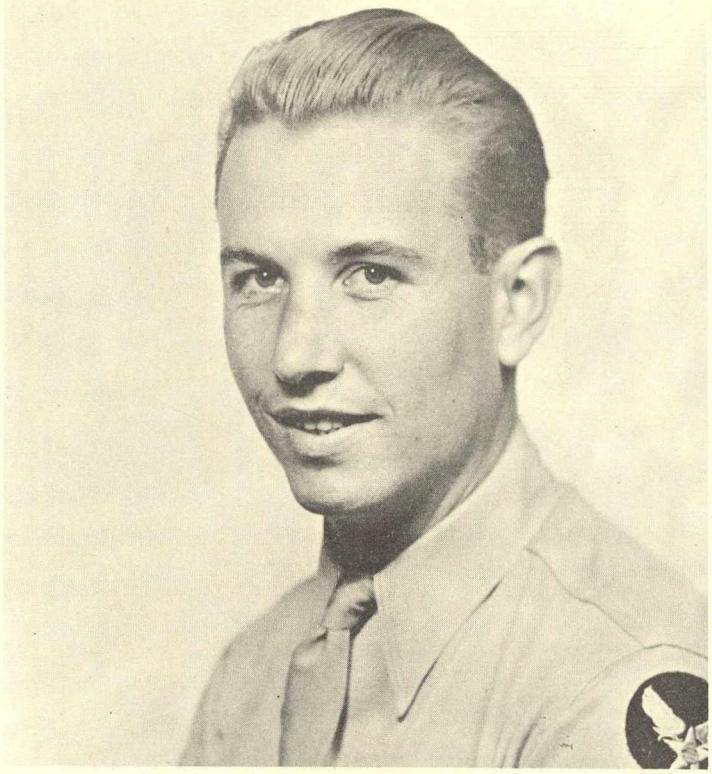
The Presidio Basketball Team will officially open its season next Friday when they meet the College of the Pacific players—a team which is slated to be the outstanding team of the colleges on the West Coast. The game will be played at Kezar Stadium, located at Stanyan and Haight streets.

The Presidio "Buckos" will have in their lineup Swede Anderson, who starred with the Phillips Oilers—a national championship team—and also Phillip Garcia, an all-Coast star for two years prior to his induction into the service. And this is all the information that Coach Scott Ross will reveal about his team at present. He expects his team to go a long way in the Northern California Basketball Association League games, which will open on or about the first of December.

The Western Defense Band will be on hand to play during the lull periods and during the half time there will be an exhibition by Pat Mahoney, one of the world's greatest cyclist. Pvt. Bob Anderson of Letterman will give out on the piano with current popular tunes of the day.

There will be free admission for men and women in uniform and transportation will be furnished for the men stationed at Letterman, who desire to attend. For information concerning transportation to the game, contact Captain Edwards in room 215 in the Administration building—phone 2917, so that arrangements can be made to handle the transportation of everyone.

LETTERMAN SPELLS HOME SWEET HOME FOR WANDERING SERGEANT



Staff Sergeant ROBERT JAMES McHENRY
Assistant to AAF Liaison Officer at Letterman

One of the two representatives of the Army Air Corps at Letterman Hospital is blond, blue-eyed Sergeant Robert James McHenry. The sergeant is assistant to the Hospital Liaison officer for Personnel Distribution Command, which was activated to control the Air Force unassigned men, the redistribution stations for re-assignment, Air Corps convalescent at the hospital, and the demobilization of Air Force personnel after the war.

In coming to Letterman, Sergeant McHenry has come back to his home in San Francisco after two and one-half years. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in October of 1941 and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. The following January he sailed for oversea service. His assignments took him from the southern part of Australia to Port Darwin, acting as a fighter controller. His job was plotting the position of enemy aircraft and directing our own planes for the best point of interception of the enemy. He was a member of the famous 49th fighter division. Port Darwin was his point of departure for Oro Bay, New Guinea. The sergeant is justly proud of his division. He wears a presidential citation for the work of the division in the defense of Port Darwin and an Oak Leaf Cluster for a citation for their heroic job in Buna. There are three combat stars decorating his ribbons, one for action in the Netherland East Indies, one for the Papuan campaign, and one for the New Guinea campaign. Of all his combat action, Sergeant McHenry says the raid over Doboudurra with sixty bombers and sixty fighters was probably the most intensive and exciting. And, through two and one-half years of it, he was lucky enough to come through unscathed.

Sergeant McHenry is a graduate of Balboa High School and the Golden Gate School of Accounting, an extension of the University of California. Until he enlisted in the Army he worked as an accountant for the B. F. Goodrich Company. The two years of schooling to which he is now entitled by his Army service, and of which he intends to take full advantage, will make him a certified public accountant when he eventually goes back into civilian life.

What's My Name?

Here's another in the series of "What's My Name?" quizes designed to keep you informed about the world leaders at war. "What's My Name?" is adapted for the FOG HORN from the radio quiz of the same name conducted every Thursday morning at 10 in the Recreation Center by Art Linkletter, popular NBC radio star.

Test your knowledge. See how long it takes you to identify today's world leader. You'll be given four biographical clues altogether, each designed to tip you off as to "What's My Name?" If you answer correctly after the first clue score yourself 100 per cent. Second clue answers receive 75 per cent and so on. The right answer after the last clue gives you a rating of 25 per cent and is average.

When you are absolutely sure that you know "What's My Name?" turn to page 8 of this week's FOG HORN and check with the right answer.

Clue No. 1:

I was born on January 30, 1882 in the State of New York . . . the son of a prominent New York lawyer and railroad president, and descendant of a Hollander who had settled in New York prior to 1636. I was educated at Groton and Harvard and at the Columbia Law School from which I graduated in 1907. What's My Name?

Clue No. 2:

I practiced law in New York for some 20 years and I was semi-prominent in civic affairs. I was on the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee in 1909, the Plattsburg Centenial in 1913 and the National Commission of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915. I was elected to the New York Senate in 1910. What's My Name?

Clue No. 3:

After re-election to the state senate in 1913, I resigned when President Wilson appointed me Assistant Secretary of the Navy. I held that post until 1920 and during that period I was inspector of American Naval Forces in European waters in 1918 and the following year I took charge of demobilization in Europe. I became Democratic Nominee for Vice-President in the 1920 elections but Cox and I were defeated in the Harding landslide. What's My Name?

Clue No. 4:

I was elected the 32nd President o fthe United States in 1932. What's My Name?

Letterman Keglers Turn Out To Be Triple Threat Men

After a two weeks rest the Letterman Post Exchange Bowling team got off to a fast start last Monday night in the 750 Handicap House League, played at the Broadway-Van Ness Alleys, when they trounced the Bearing Manufacturing Company, winning all three games. The Letterman keglers began in the first game to show that they were the superior team by winning in the initial contest by 101 pins. However they had a tough battle in the second when they eked through with a 4 pin lead to take this frame. But they once more hit their stride when they defeated their opponents in the third series by 40 pins. In the total pinnage the pill rollers were out in front by the total of 217 pins.

Otterstetter led the Medics for the evening by rolling a 588 series and won high honors for the evening by bowling a 202 game. He was followed by Yohe who also broke the 500 mark by coming through with a 516 series. Fuller was next with a 459 and he was followed closely by Williams who rolled a 431 series. Low man for the evening was Bell, the team captain, who at present has lost his bowling eye and has been unable to pick up the spares and splits. And he came through with a 377 series which is the lowest so far this season.

The Letterman team is now in second place being only three games out of first place. However they may be in first place if the series that they bowled last week counted, as they won two of the three games—but had to quit because of trouble with the pin setters. This series is now up before the bowling board and if they give it to the Medics they will get all three games and will be tied for the top spot.

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Bell	112	128	137	377
Williams	125	172	134	431
Fuller	178	96	185	459
Otterstetter	198	188	202	588
Yohe	167	169	180	516
Total	780	753	838	2371
BEARING MFG.				
Snow	137	125	135	397
Crist	96	135	116	347
Jurgens	152	201	169	522
Graf	139	126	137	392
Nolan	157	162	167	486
Total	681	749	724	2154

BANKING FACILITIES IN PRESIDIO ARE CONVENIENT AND TIME SAVING



AMERICAN TRUST CO.—PRESIDIO OFFICE
The smiles are characteristic of the staff. L to R—Mrs. McCargar, Mr. Odell, Mrs. Marjorie Geary and Mrs. Grace Hippoldt.

About two years ago the American Trust Company decided to use the Presidio as its guinea pig for the idea of establishing small branch banks on the Pacific coast military posts. The first branch was duly installed in building 84, on Graham Street, opposite Headquarters, Western Defense Command in the Presidio of San Francisco, and proved to be a great success. It had been a great nuisance for the Post Exchange officers, the Mess officers, and others with funds to care for, to travel back and forth to town daily. So, when a representative of the Treasury Department asked the Commanding Officer of the Presidio what he thought about the idea of having a branch on the post, he was enthusiastically agreeable.

Two weeks later, the bank was functioning. It was staffed by fully trained personnel sent out by the American Trust Company, with the building, light, heat, guard and janitor service furnished by the War Department. The bank takes care of the needs of Letterman Hospital, Fort Scott, and the Presidio, as well as having its facilities available for the civilian employees of those posts. Its deposits are covered with the purchase of war bonds.

It offers a variety of services in addition to taking care of Post Exchange funds, mess funds, and payday funds for the finance officer. Regular commercial accounts are carried, special checking accounts, savings accounts, safe keeping accounts, which have been developed as a war time substitute for safe deposit boxes which are unobtainable, and checks cashed. War bonds, war stamps, cashiers checks, money orders and travelers checks may be purchased there, and since last October it has enlarged its activities to include the cashing of war bonds without charge to the customer. An added convenience to the hospital is taking care of incoming patients' funds and furnishing checks for the funds before their evacuation from the hospital.

Since the branch bank here, which was the first of its type in the Ninth Service Command, has proved such a time saver and convenience, many others have been established, and now they are functioning all over the country.

The correct title for the local installation is the Presidio Banking Facility of the American Trust Company. The office is in charge of Mr. Earl L. McCargar, and the supervising manager is Mr. Douglas B. Odell.

Oklahoma City (CNS) — Two cops found a drunk asleep under a bridge, took him to pokey, removed his clothing and gave him a bath. In his pockets they found 2 ears of corn, a quart of stewed pears, 2 onions, a pair of shoes, an issue of the Kansas City Star and a straw hat. "I collect things," the man explained.

E. P. Dutton Co. Announce Award For G. I. Book

A $5,000 award is offered for the best book manuscript submitted by a service man or woman of any rank (in any branch of the U. S. service) wounded in the line of duty in the present World War.

Two thousand five hundred dollars will be paid on acceptance of the manuscript and $2,500 on its publication, all as an advance against royalties, under a publisher's contract.

The advisory council for the G. I. Joe LITERARY AWARD will consist of Captain Robert D. Workman, Director, Chaplains' Division, United States Navy; Colonel Franklin S. Forsberg, YANK MAGAZINE; Sergeant Marion Hargrove, author of "See Here, Private Hargrove;" John Hershey, author of "A Bell for Adano," and Lieutenant John Mason Brown, author of "Many a Watchful Night."

The judges who make the final decision in the contest will be George Moreby Acklom, Fred T. Marsh and J. Donald Adams of E. P. Dutton and Company's editorial staff, and one or more other judges who will be chosen later.

Prose manuscripts should not be less than 50,000 words in length, although this rule may be waived if, in the opinion of the judges, a shorter manuscript deserves the award. Both fiction and non-fiction will be considered, including poetry and collections of short stories, but not children's books or material for textbooks. Authors are not limited to one entry. Authors of previously published books are eligible.

The contest is now open and awards will be given in 1945, 1946 and 1947. The closing date for the first year will be January 1, 1945. The winning mnauscript will be published as soon thereafter as is practical.

In addition to the winning manuscript, all manuscripts submitted for consideration in the contest are to be considered for possible publication.

Here's the answer to this week's "What's My Name?" quiz which you'll find on page 7 of this week's FOG HORN:

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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General Shedd is Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster to DSM

Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general of the Ninth Service Command, at Fort Douglas, Utah, has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster in recognition of "diplomacy, tact and foresight" exercised as commanding general of the Antilles Department.

Brigadier General Ralph Talbot, Jr., commanding general of the Utah Army Service Forces Depot, Ogden, made the official presentation in General Shedd's office.

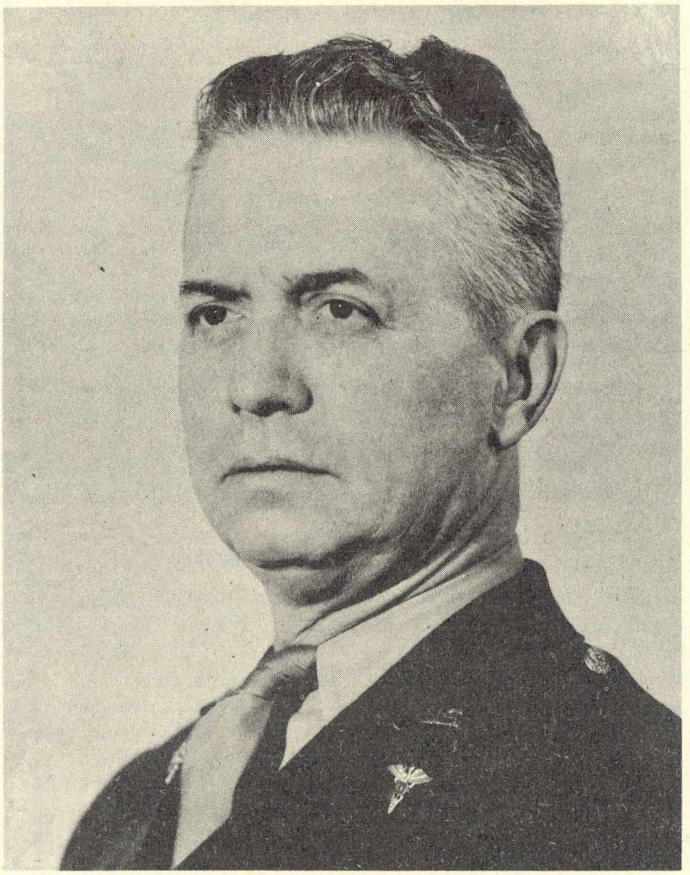
The Oak Leaf Cluster will be worn on the general's Distinguished Service Medal which he received for "outstanding accomplishments" in France during World War I.

General Shedd was assigned to the Ninth Service Command last September following a tour of duty with the Antilles Department from December 1, 1943, to August 26, 1944.

The citation stated that the general was responsible for the "successful coordination of joint Army and Navy activities within the Antilles Department," which contributed to a large degree in negotiations with colonial representatives of Allied Governments within the area of the Caribbean Coastal Frontier.

In addition, he was also cited for the "successful accomplishments" of two complete reorganizations of the Antilles Department necessitated by adjustment in troop allocations as a result of changes in the world situation in the prosecution of the war.

General Shedd was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "marked efficiency" as an instructor and a director of a heavy artillery school as well as for "services of inestimable value" in connection with the organization, equipment and the training of heavy artillery troops in France during World War I.



Lieut. Col. SETH O. CRAFT, P.C.
Who has assumed the duties of the Post Adjutant

COLONEL CRAFT TAKES OVER AS ADJUTANT AT LGH THIS WEEK

Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, Pharmacy Corps, reported for duty this week and has assumed the duties of the Post Adjutant in succession to Major Frank R. Day, Pharmacy Corps, who has been at Letterman for the past five and a half years.

Col. Craft is a native of New York state and lived there all his life until he enlisted in the army on 13 January 1920. All of his enlisted service was at Carlisle Barracks—home of the Field Medical School. In April 1925 he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps and has had continuous service since that time.

The colonel is a "four year" man, as that has been average length of his tours at various stations with the exception of foreign service. He was four years at Fitzsimons General Hospital, four years at headquarters of the then 7th Corps Area, and very

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Memorial Services For War Dead to Be Held on Sunday

The heroic dead of World War II will be honored on Sunday at Memorial services to be held in three San Francisco churches.

At St. Mary's Cathedral, at Van Ness Avenue and O'Farrell Streets, there will be a Solemn Mass at 1030, at which the Most Reverend John J. Mitty, D.D., will preside. The celebrant of the Mass will be Chaplain Edward T. Haskins and the sermon will be delivered by Chaplain George J. Zentgraf, of the Western Defense Command. The Regimental Colors and guard of honor from Fort Winfield Scott will be in the Sanctuary during the Mass.

At Temple Beth Israel, located at Fillmore and Geary Street, at 1215 there will be a Solemn Memorial Service under the leadership of Chaplain Nathan Levinson, of the Presidio of San Francisco. The principal address will be delivered by Rabbi Elliott Burstein, and other speakers will be Jewish chaplains of the Army and Navy who are stationed in the Bay Area. Chaplain Barnard will give the Invocation and Chaplain Siegel will ask the Benediction.

At Grace Cathedral, California at Taylor Street, at 1600 the services will be under the direction of Chaplain A. E. Butcher, of the Presidio of San Francisco. The Lesson will be read by Chaplain John Lindsey, the boy choir of the cathedral will render the musical portion of the service and the sermon will be preached by Chaplain Butcher.

Arrangements have been made for transportation of patients and personnel to all three services.

Special invitations have been sent to the families of the War Dead and special seats have been reserved at all services.

ONETIME INTERNEE IN JAP CAMP PLANS TO GO BACK FREE

Any young woman born of American parents in Shanghai and who spent her childhood and early girlhood in China may be said to have had an interesting background. Add to that the facts that she was serving as a civilian nurse in an Army hospital in Manila when the Japanese attacked the Philippines, that she was captured by the Japanese and interned in a prison camp for almost two years before being returned to the United States on the Swedish exchange ship Gripsholm, and you have a story.

Such was told recently by an Army nurse, Second Lieutenant Dorothy S. Davis, daughter of Mr. Alfred C. Davis, who is still in the hands of the Japanese in the Philippines, and Mrs. Marjorie A. Davis of Adelphi College, Garden City, Long Island, New York.

Lieutenant Davis went to the Philippines in the summer of 1941, following the completion of her nurse's training school course at the Presbyterian Hospital of the Medical Center in New York City. She had made application for commission in the Army Nurse Corps at the time, but sailed for Manila before the necessary papers could be processed. Upon her arrival in the Philippines she became a civilian nurse at Sternberg General Hospital in Manila. Her parents were living in the Philippine metropolis at the time, her mother having come out from the States with her to join Mr. Davis, Manila representative of a large American manufacturing organization.

It was natural for Lieutenant Davis to have a desire for Army life. An uncle, Carroll Hutchinson, is a colonel in the Quartermaster Corps, and she had spent some time with him when, in the 1920's and 1930's he had been stationed at Corregidor. Also, she had a vivid memory of watching the 31st U. S. Infantry land at Shanghai in 1932 and march through the streets of that tense city to take up strong defensive positions against the encroaching Japanese soldiery at a time when American soldiers had been called upon to protect our interests in Shanghai.

Lieutenant Davis was still serving as a civilian nurse at Sternberg General Hospital, and daily awaited the papers which would make it possible for her to become a full-fledged Army nurse, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and, a day later, Manila and other places in the Philippines.



Lieut. DOROTHY S. DAVIS, A.N.C.
Recently joined station at Letterman

She stayed on at Sternberg, caring for the rapidly mounting population of wounded soldiers, most of whom arrived from bombed Nichols Field, near Manila, until December 26, 1941. On that day, the officer in charge of the nurses having pointed out that, as a civilian, it would hardly be proper for her to continue serving with an Army unit in time of war, she joined her father and mother in Manila.

Describing her experiences then, Lieutenant Davis says: "The waiting around was very hard to take. None of us American civilians had any idea what was to become of us, or what the Japs proposed to do about us."

Manila fell to the Japanese on January 2, 1942. Still the young nurse and her parents remained on in their apartment in Manila, waiting, waiting, waiting . . . until, finally, Japanese soldiers were posted around the city, and all American and British subjects were ordered to remain within doors of their living quarters.

A few more anxious days passed, with no one having any idea what the Japanese proposed to do. Then a Japanese soldier came for the Davises. He gave them twenty minutes to pack the one suitcase he said they could take with them. "You will be held three days only," he said. But for Lieutenant Davis and her mother, the "three days" turned out to be almost two years!

The Davis family, with other American civilians, were loaded into busses and taken to Rizal Stadium where they were registered and briefly interrogated. Then they were taken to the Santo Tomas prison camp.

The internees found conditions there apalling. They were crowded into much too small a space. The air was suffocating. Sanitary facilities were indescribably bad. Food—brought for those "three days"—soon was exhausted. At first the Japanese provided no food for the Americans. But friendly Filipinos, and members of the large Spanish colony in Manila, managed to smuggle some food into the prison camp, and eventually the Japanese authorities allowed each internee credit of approximately seventy-five centavos (roughly, about thirty-seven cents in U. S. currency) daily for food, gas, water and medical supplies.

The Americans soon formed committees and, with the resourcefulness of our people, were soon functioning as best they could under the circumstances.

The internees managed their scant food supply so that the children received three meals a day, as did the patients in the hospital. Lieutenant Davis had volunteered to work in that hospital and she and the few doctors and other nurses interned at Santo Tomas soon had a fairly well-established medical unit under way. Later, some Army nurses, a few of whom had been taken on Bataan and Corregidor, joined them at Santo Tomas. The Japs, Lieutenant Davis recalled, treated these Army nurses well, as they did the civilian nurses.

Lieutenant Davis estimated that there were some sixty of these Army nurses, including one physical therapist and one dietitian, at Santo Tomas in her time there.

Like all prisoners of war, Lieutenant Davis sought news of the progress of the conflict, but authentic reports were difficult to obtain, and she and her fellow internees had to depend on the "grapevine."

There were some home-made pleasures. Among the internees were many who possessed craftsmanship of sorts, and very early in their imprisonment the Americans enjoyed "musicales." These were really nothing more than musical recordings, played over and over again during the early evening hours, and "broadcast" throughout the grounds over a locally constructed loud-speaker system. Though the records, old in the first place, became worn and scratchy after constant playings, they furnished an appreciated source of nightly pleasure and entertainment.

One day, in October 1943, Lieutenant Davis was told that she was to be one of a group to be returned to the United States, and that her mother was to be returned with her.

She packed hastily and, with other internees destined for exchange, loaded aboard an old, weather-beaten Japanese liner, the Teia Maru, which was crowded and altogether as undesirable a "cruise ship" as one could picture. However, it

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THANKSGIVING DAY AT THE LETTERMAN TELEPHONE CENTER



THE LINES WERE BUSY
And the waits were long but the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company employees made it worth while to wait. Refreshments furnished by the company.



THE EYES HAVE IT
Of course, there are cookies and apples and cigarettes in the pictures but Pvt. Joseph C. Schwamberg can only see Ruth Mosier for the moment. Bonnie Kramer is the target for the glances of Pfc. Ben Maynard. The man with the apples--and a supernumerary--is Charles F. Spieker, Ass't Camp Telephone Manager.



RUTH MOSIER
For the Telephone Company proves to be able to handle the dipper with a steady hand. No quiver noticeable at the receiving end, but could be!!



THE KIND MOTHER USED TO MAKE
Chocolate covered cakes and Pfc. Walter Kalafut trying to decide which first. Lt. Ethel Maddon, Army Nurse Corps, smiles encouragement while "Betty" Lawrence says: "All yours."



NOTHING LIKE A SMOKE
To soothe the nerves, Pvt. Roy Jacobson is standing by for a call from home and Elizabeth - - "Betty" to her friends - - Lawrence, Hostess for the Telephone Company, lights his cigarette.

THE FOG HORN

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Cooperation

Cooperation is a word that has been used and misused so much that it has become trite. Many people glibly use it and fail to think about or practice its meaning. Nevertheless it is a potent word for today's world. In this muddled world in which we live, order and unity must come out of the existent chaos if we are to attain victory, individual peace of mind, and a worthwhile world.

If order is to come, each individual unit must cooperate. Here at the hospital where so many diverse groups are in direct contact with each other hourly, it is essential that a high degree of cooperation be maintained.

It is always easy for us as individuals to feel abused, and decide we are working too hard, and no one else has as many difficulties as we have. Then when something arises which should be our responsibility, we are inclined to say "Let John do it." Obviously there are not enough "Johns" to do all the necessary tasks.

Let us not forget that no matter how unimportant our job may seem to be, or how little recognition we may get for doing it well, that it is necessary for the smooth functioning of the whole unit. (Bakers Batter.)

Muncie, Ind (CNS)—George A. Ball, millionaire fruit jar king, lost $3½ millions when the Supreme Court declined to review a lower court's judgment against him in a suit brought by creditors of the Van Swerigen railroad holdings in Cleveland.



Hard work and diligence were justly rewarded the past week when six nurses received promotions to the next highest rank. There are two new 'captains' now—added to the nursing roster—opposite two very familiar names: **May D. Hanawalt** and **Shirley R. Timewell.** Promoted to 1st Lieutenants were: **Evelyn N. Barbier** of Letterman and **Dorothy I. Coperhaven, Elizabeth Rucincki** and **Winona W. Peterson** of the annex.

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Farewells seemed to be the order of the day when 23 nurses departed to join their units before embarking for prospective overseas stations. Sixteen nurses will join the 224th General Hospital and seven will go to the 226th General Hospital. The group included the following 2nd Lieutenants: **Virginia L. Abercrombie, Helen C. Bock, Catherine A. Coyle, Maxine L. Gilbert, Mazie Lewis, Berna E. Menzies, Jeanette Allen, Betty Jean Bergevin, Helen M. Cornelius, Afton I. Furse, Bernice M. Gilbertson, Josephine Martzen, Patricia J. Moe, Eleanor M. Raymond, Irene A. Gembala,** and **Ina R. Evans.** Also **Elizabeth Ann Becka, Margaret Anne Sweeters, Elizabeth F. Noonan, Alice F. McDaniels, Betty Jo Sands, Eileen R. Williams** and **Phyllis I. Phillips.**

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Pending her appointment into the Army Nurse Corps now since she has completed the prescribed nurse cadet training—Miss **Evelyn R. Esola** is doing civilian nursing at the Dante annex. Also Miss **Alice Knapp** patiently awaits her commission—working on the wards at Dante.

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On Thanksgiving Eve, the cadet nurses were hostess to a group of officers at a social which included dancing and serving refreshments. The party was a success and a good time was had by all who attended.

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A hearty welcome is extended to two nurses who came to LGH in the past week. They are 2nd Lieutenants **Dorothy S. Davis** who reports here after a tour of duty at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; and **Audrey I. Williams** sent from the redistribution center in Santa Barbara, California, after a tour of duty overseas.

THE OBSERVER SAW

An ominous look in the eye of the Control Officer boding ill for someone's help.

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One of the high rankers from topside dropping in on his friends for a social visit and asking to be spared public mention of his presence. We like them when they come that way.

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Colonel **Harvey F. Hendrickson** in the throes of moving again. The normal role for an Evacuation Officer.

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Captain **Andrew Edwards** exuding enthusiasm for the coming basketball season.

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Master Sergeant **Frank O'Brien** coming out even on the baggage all the time. He must live right to do that.

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Warrant Officer **Phil Matthews** separating himself for a change and getting a nice new APO number.

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Lieut. **Elizabeth E. Reese,** our popular PRO languishing on a hospital bed at the Dante Annex in a first floor room. Not far enough to jump.

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Master Sergeant **Henry Kunz** handy with a bung starter. Using it to repair the stairway steps.

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"Pat" Moyles running her section from a seat on the floor, sans chair, sans desk, but not sans phone, "Thank Heaven," she says.

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Lieut. Moody placing a strong guard on those nylons for the auction.

MORE ABOUT COLONEL CRAFT

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near to four years in the Office of the Surgeon General at Washington. He also had tours of duty in Manila and at Honolulu.

Col. Craft was married in Manila on 2 November 1929 to Miss Alma J. Ruething and they have two children, Mary E., 13, and Don R., 9.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Colonel Craft and his family and wish them a pleasant tour of duty at Letterman.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, December 3, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Wedding Bells

In the presence of a large group of relatives and friends, Staff Sergeant Merle C. West was married to Miss Dorothy J. Smith at the Presidio Post Chapel on last Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Laura Wilkes was the Maid of Honor to the bride and Sergeant Robert J. Bement was the best man. Chaplain L. Lane McCammon officiated at the service and a reception was held immediately after the ceremony, in the Letterman Officers Club.

Bond Auction

There will be a big War Bond auction held in the Recreation Center at one o'clock on Thursday the seventh of December, Pearl Harbor Day.

Some of the articles to be awarded to the purchasers of the highest denomination Bonds will be nylon stockings, several cartons of cigarettes, a bottle of fine cologne, a box of fine candy, some high quality costume jewelry and many other items.

There will be music by the ATC Band from Hamilton Field under the leadership of Sgt. Joe Stabile. This is one of the crack bands in the service today and one that always provides excellent entertainment.

ANSWER TO "WHAT'S MY NAME?"

Here is the answer to this week's "What's My Name?" quiz which you'll find on page 8 of this week's FOG HORN.

Lt. General George Patton.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



MERLE F. GULLION
Pvt., Med. Dept.

Featured in the column this week is a member of the SCU 1960 detachment which handles the train evacuations from Letterman — Private Merle F. Gullion—a veteran of the south Pacific — having spent twenty-five months in that area.

Army life for the private began on October 29, 1941, when he enlisted in the Army at Fort Warren, Wyoming, and from there was sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he received eleven weeks of basic with the Field Artillery. After completing basic he remained at Fort Bragg a short time then spent the next month traveling around the States before embarking for overseas. After six months in New Caledonia, his outfit went to Guadalcanal and they were the second Army troops to enter combat. The main duties here were to clear the way for the Marine and Army infantry by laying heavy barrages. This work they did for three months until the island was completely taken by the Americans. His group left the Canal in March 1943, and went to the Fiji Islands where our buck was hospitalized for seven months for an ailment. Upon release from the hospital he was reassigned and transferred into the medics—remaining at the hospital as an ambulance driver until March 1944 when he returned to the States and to Letterman as a patient before moving to Dibble General Hospital. Shortly after his return, Pvt. Gullion received the first furlough of his army career and after this was sent to the reclassification center at Camp White, Oregon, where he received assignment with the SCU 1960th Train unit.

Born in Lewellen, Nebraska, Pvt. Gullion's family moved to Broadwater, where our buck received his education. Then he went to work for a cattle rancher where he remained until he enlisted in the Army.

Japs Tough to Kill, Combat Reports Show

This is the first in a series of 3 articles on combat experiences of American soldiers who fought in Kwajalein and the Palau Islands. They are based on stories first printed in the U. S. Army newspaper *Midpacifican*.

By Camp Newspaper Service

In one of the major divisions of the Army General Staff—S-3—experts are constantly collecting, examining, weighing and balancing with other factors the lessons learned from combat in this war. That which is pertinent and valuable is incorporated into training doctrine.

Capsuled below are some of the reactions of U. S. soldiers, officers and EM, to the fighting on Kwajalein and the Palaus in the South Pacific. They were culled from a series of 10 articles appearing in the Army newspaper *Midpacifican*.

On one fact every fighting man, who was interviewed, agreed. The Jap is a darned hard so-and-so to kill.

Said Sgt Max Kay, rifle squad leader: "We saw 3 Japs run across a small clearing and disappear into a covered dug-out. So we decided to try to knock out the dugout with fragmentation hand grenades.

"There was no enemy fire coming from the dugout, but we knew that there were at least the 3 we had seen inside it and there were probably more. Under the covering fire of BARS and some M1s, several of us crawled up close enough to throw grenades. Two of them exploded in the doorway of the dugout.

"We threw 4 more, deep inside the hole. The Japs were groaning inside, and those of us who were close up could hear the scraping of their bodies as they moved over the floor. A Jap, like a snake, must never be considered dead until he quits moving so we tossed in the rest of our fragmentation grenades, which made a total of 20.

"Most of us were satisfied then that nothing could have lived through the shower of steel fragments and the concussions of the 20 grenade explosives, confined in the comparatively small interior of the hole. The men began to move away. Some of the more curious stayed behind watching. Almost immediately two dazed but very much alive Japs ran stumbling out."

It's hard to believe that a man could stay alive in a fortified emplacement after a jet from a flame thrower had passed completely through it. But we have the word of Sgt Charles Johnson, assistant rifle squad leader, that this happened in the South Pacific.

Says Sgt Johnson: "Some Jap pillboxes and bunkers have shelves and partitions in them, so that the occupants in one part are protected from a grenade or shell burst in another part. Some are arranged so that even the flamethrower, a weapon normally regarded as conclusively cleaning out an emplacement, fails.

"Dunn, our flame-thrower operator, fired a long jet into one end of a bunker and the flames came out the other end. In spite of the blistering heat, and smoke that had gone completely through the bunker, a Jap emerged a few seconds later, unharmed, and raised his rifle to fire at Dunn. Dunn saw him just in time and fired his flame at the Jap, who toppled backward engulfed in the blaze. When the smoke had cleared the Jap had crawled back into the bunker where he died. The point is that the Jap survived the first burst of flame inside the bunker and was still an aggressive menace."



—A Contest Cartoon by Cpl. Peter Hesse.

"SO—YOU FOUND A TUPUPIS VULGARIS——"

ON THE SPOT



Pvt. WALLACE H. TUCKER
Infantry

In the battle of Bloody Ridge on Biak Island, one of the bitterest Infantry engagements of the Southwest Pacific campaign, Private Wallace H. Tucker, 24-year-old Infantryman from Hampton, Arkansas, fired, hit the ground, crawled forward, fired again . . . and added a few drops of his own to the ridge's name.

Like a good rifleman, he picked his targets. He wasted no ammunition. But while he was concentrating on his aim, having advanced to a point just 50 yards below the top of the ridge, a Japanese mortar shell hit the uneven ground just three feet away from him.

A fragment struck Private Tucker in the right knee.

"I couldn't have had help sooner if I'd been hurt playing football back home," he told us at Letterman. "Within just a minute or two a medic was beside me, bandaging my wound and pointing out to me the best route to crawl out of range of the Jap fire."

Private Tucker served with the 41st Infantry Division and was in action constantly for nearly a month before he was wounded. The rifle company in which he fought led the drive on the important Mokmer airstrip on Biak, after dislodging the Japs from their positions along Bloody Ridge.

"I really felt that my rifle was a part of me," he said, "especially after I'd killed my first Jap. I was out on a partol and saw this Nip, about 100 yards away, aiming his rifle at something. I couldn't see what he was aiming at, but I knew it must have been a GI, so I drew a bead on him, squeezed off a round, and he crumpled up with the first shot."

Besides the Purple Heart for his wound, he earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action.

MEDICAL DETACH

Furloughs are still the order of the day and Tech. Sgt. Frederick L. Essen and T/4th Gr. Glenn A. Jukes each received 17 days; Sgt. Vincent R. Cellucci, T/4th Gr. Albert V. Glenn, Cpls. Harry A. Fowler and Lester J. Miller, Pvts. Leonard P. Hartsell, Francis C. Davenport and Arthur M. Sciacqua each received 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Another proud father in the detachment this week—Pvt. Roger R. Rockholm when his wife presented him with a baby son on the last week end.

Sgt. Lou D. Slott expressing his desire to see the 'G.I.' movies a second time—because he enjoys them.

Cpl. Ross Scott and T/5th Gr. James Lewis working together in a new office.

Sgt. Wilbur James—back on night duty in the receiving office after a furlough—spent in San Francisco.

The members of the finance office exhibiting their ability to handle any situation—lately moving furniture.

Sgt. Phillips 'Pat' Passarelli discovering what a trying journey a cross-city ride can be on a trolley car.

Sgt. Lorezno Hawkins paying his old friends at Letterman, a visit on his way back to Camp White, Oregon.

Sgt. Eugene F. Ryback starting his own 'Breakfast Club' in the Mess Hall.

Second Lieut. Maurice Bristow, formerly with the X-Ray section here in the capacity of S/Sgt., back for a visit after graduating from O.C.S.

Pfc. Robert Anderson really building himself a silhouette via G. I. chow.

T/4th Gr. Harold Junso breaking into the ranks of immortal composers by this "Gypsy Serenade.' (Move over Beethoven—make room for Junso).

Pvt. Ladd Kafflen going all out. First a pipe and now he's calling girls on the telephone. (That Devil)

PROMOTIONS WILL BE VERY POPULAR HEREABOUTS IF PAT HAS HER WAY



Miss PATRICIA GRACE WILSON
The little lady who sees them go at the Separation Center

Within the memory of most of us some one wrote a book "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"—it was a best seller—and after a visit with Patricia Grace Wilson we came to the conclusion that perhaps Anita Loos had something in that opus.

Pat was born in Portland, Oregon, and thinks this dewey weather we are having these days is most acceptable. She graduated from Jefferson High School and went from there to the University of Oregon with her major in art. Her subsequent activity was with the well known Ballet School of Portland which performed with the Portland Symphony as a regular routine.

Hollywood beckoned and Pat went south to join the Fanchon & Marco school and while with that organization was a participant in nearly all of the big Hollywood Premieres. Her personal charm made her a natural for the place when the "White House" in San Francisco set up what might be called a Social Bureau and Pat moved up from Hollywood to our fair city. We mean "fair" even when it rains.

The Civil Service system of the city made her an attractive offer and Pat switched from the department store to one of the city departments. It was a nice assignment until the fabulous "M.I."—or Military Intelligence—expressed a need for a girl with Pat's accomplishments. What girl does not believe in her heart that she could circumvent any Mata Hari? Well, Pat was willing to try. She says nothing about that in her autobiography and maybe that is one of the rules of the M.I.

Since February 1944 she has been at Letterman; with the Library for seven months and more recently with the separation and classification center. In her spare time she does a lot of riding and was a member of the well known San Francisco Girls Polo Team.

There is the report going around that Pat plans to initiate a new form of bonus for all officers on promotion.

Maybe we should tell you again that the lady we write about is Patricia Grace Wilson. For those who prefer blondes Pat is really a honey.

1960

Company A

"Buzz" is AWOL, and the entire company fund—a grand total of 66 cents—is being offered for his return. Meanwhile Buzz's bosom pal, Acting 1st Sgt. Sherman, is a sad Sack, languishing loud and long over his loss. Description of Buzz: Spitz, white, slightly soiled around the edges.

The Company is very proud of its two non-coms who wear the Silver Star: Sgt. Rivers and T/5 Bond, both of whom received it in Italy. And another salute to S/Sgt. Cedargren, wearer of the Bronze Star, and S/Sgt. Gora, of the 100th Bn. from Hawaii. On the latter's manly chest are the Combat Infantry badge and the Purple Heart with the Oak Leaf cluster.

In the recent catastrophic Challenger train wreck, S/Sgt. Ochs and T/Sgt. Carrico, who were traveling the second section, were highly commended by authorities for their excellent work in aiding the injured.

Pvt. Malcolm Theodore Roosevelt Sayers is beaming from ear to ear over the addition to his family. It's a boy, weight 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

Lucky lads on furloughs include: Pfc. Donald L. Ramsey, Pfc. Murriel B. Woosley, Pvt. Shelby L. Long, Pfc. Bing L. Lee, S/Sgt. Charlie Leeds, Pvt. Clinton C. Metcalf, Pfc. Howard D. Hoy, Pfc. Oral C. Daniel, T/5 Joseph Balazs, T/5 David L. Bisbee, Pfc. William Briedenstein, and Pfc. John Mollik.

Company B

A bunch of B boys went on a hike the other day with Lt. Biggs, Special Services officer. Decided it was high time to inspect the Golden Gate bridge, which most of us have only seen from a distance. Some span!

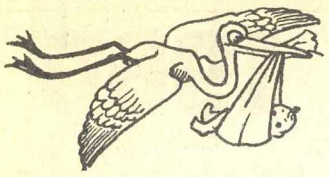
For the past few weeks we have been organizing basketball, softball and whistle-blowing teams. After a few more workouts, look out for Company B: we're going to challenge any and all comers on the post!

Hq. Company

M/Sgt. Charlie Sullivan has agreed to coach our newly-formed basketball team. Looks as if we've some champ material.

Congratulations to T/Sgt. Grafton C. Protzman on his promotion to M/Sgt.

Add to the select group of Train-Missers: Lt. Richard Todd. He didn't make it in L. A.



To Sgt. and Mrs. **Donald H. Deibler,** a daughter, Donna Lee, born 19 November; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Lewis M. Glafser,** a son, William Robert, born 20 November; weight 6 pounds 13 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Helmer L. Myhre,** a son, Terry Lee, born 20 November; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

To Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. **Clayton L. Burwell,** a son, Delos Emmons, born 20 November; weight 9 pounds.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Bernhard H. Oltman,** a son, James Ray, born 21 November; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Henry H. Howze,** a son, John Clifton, born 22 November; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Elbert C. Lively,** a son, Raymond Shannon, born 22 November; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Clyde J. Winterburn,** a son, David Lloyd, born 23 November; weight 7 pounds 2 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Lloyd W. Anderson,** a son, David Lloyd, born 23 November; weight 6 pounds 11 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Clark D. Weldon,** a daughter, Carol Lee, born 23 November; weight 8 pounds 1 ounce.

To Capt. and Mrs. **William H. Bliss,** a daughter, Susan Jean, born 23 November; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

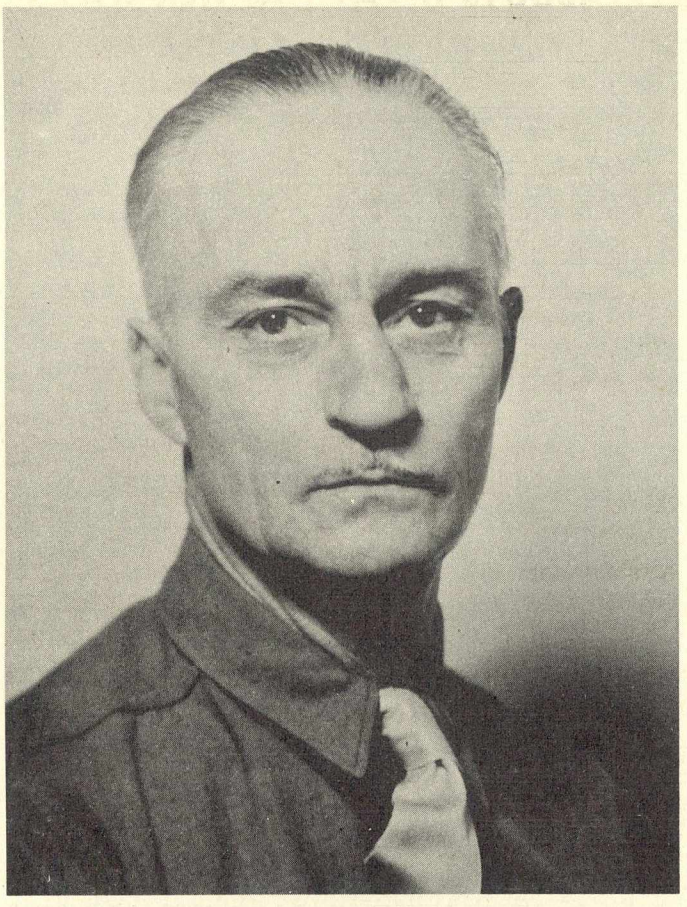
To Capt. and Mrs. **Melton H. Cotton,** a son, Stephen Craig, born 24 November; weight 5 pounds 12 ounces. To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Ed O. Lively,** a daughter, Mary Louise, born 25 November; weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. **Isadore B. Schwartz,** a daughter, Sharon Marie, born 25 November; weight 6 pounds 4 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Edward L. Ricci,** a son, Ronald Gabriel, born 26 November; weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Alonza Acosta,** a daughter, Elizabeth, born 26 November; weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

ONE TIME PRINTER'S DEVIL TURNS OUT TO BE A VERY GOOD MAN



Pfc. KENNETH S. LEE
Instructor in Printing in Occupational Therapy

One of the interesting activities in connection with the Occupational Therapy program on this post is the one man printing plant, operated, but not owned, by Private First Class Kenneth S. Lee. Even though it is not his he cares for it like a tender infant and only a man born with printer's ink in his veins adopts that attitude toward a press.

Pvt. Lee is a native of Ada, Minnesota, and as soon as he got out of high school he took to printing. Began as an apprentice working at a plant where his two brothers published a small weekly newspaper, and there he stayed for eight years until he was ready for the big time. Then he moved to Minneapolis and for the next 13 years he worked at his trade.

In 1942 the long man with the whiskers began breathing down his neck and Lee allowed as how he might just as well beat the gun by enlisting. However, the medics said "Nay, nay" and the draft board topped that with "Come into my parlor" or words to that effect. Anyway, Lee was in the army.

Some one recognized a good printer and Lee was assigned to the Q. M. Corps and worked at his trade for 17 months at Ft. Leonard Wood. He was moved later for brief periods to Ft. Sam Houston and Ft. Douglas, and ultimately to Letterman.

Pvt. Lee is a veteran of World War I and has two sons with the armed forces in this war. They are serving with our allies—the Marines and the Navy. That Marine outranks his dad by lots of chevrons—he is a tech. sergeant, but comes the day for home again and he will continue to take orders from Dad.

While it is said that Lee began as a printer's devil he turned out to be a very good man and we consider him an asset at Letterman.

I Still Like Pennsylvania Best!

I crossed the country in the jam,
Of travelers made by Uncle Sam.
I gasped at mountains, yawned at plains,
And griped a little at the trains!
And now I'm in the "wild west"
I still like Pennsylvania best!

I love the scenery on the bay—
It seems to change 'most every day.
I've wandered Chinatown—a lark!
I've seen the view from "Top of the Mark."
I put the Pacific to the test—
I think I like the Atlantic best!

I've heard the praise of Idaho,
There where the big potatoes grow.
The Oklahomans think they're hot,
The San Franciscans say they're not!
And I'll admit I'm much impressed—
But—I still like Pennsylvania best!

And there's the matter of the seasons,
To mix me up for lots of reasons.
I don't mind having spring and fall
And summer—winter—not at all!
That isn't rain, that's dew—they jest,
I still like Pennsylvania best!

I've met nice people—had grand fun!
Got education—all in one.
Our country's gorgeous, hugh and free—
Dear God, please let it always be!
But understand — perhaps you've guessed,
I still like Pennsylvania best!

—Janis Rhodes

San Francisco (CNS) — Louis Leinbach, who gave his vocation as "a professional nudist" was arrested here for wearing clothes. Leinbach's trouble was that he wore the wrong kind of clothes—the uniform of a sergeant in the U. S. Army. He's charged with illegally wearing the uniform.

Springfield, Ill (CNS)—A prisoners' quartet sang "Sweet Adeline" while one of their members sawed away at the bars with a hack saw. The ingenious escape plot was foiled when a keeper, annoyed by the sour harmony, investigated.

Tulsa, Okla (CNS)—Held up by highwaymen and robbed of $10, a Tulsa resident asked the thieves for a receipt. Instead, he told police, he received a black eye.

What's My Name?

Here is another of the series of "What's My Name?" quizzes which are appearing in the FOG HORN as a means of keeping you better informed about our world leaders at war. Test your knowledge about the world leader in today's quiz.

Here's how "What's My Name?" works. You'll be given four biographical clues each designed to give you a clue as to the identity of the famous person whose name you're supposed to guess. After you read each clue give yourself about five seconds to answer.

Here's how to score yourself. If you have the correct answer after the very first clue you get 100%. The right name on the second clue scores you 75%. The right answer on the third clue gives you 50% and if you're over 84 years old you'll be given a three day pass with all expenses paid. The answer on the last clue gives you 25% and makes you an average human being with the right to sleep until 6:00 in the morning providing you're not on the night shift and providing somebody doesn't wake you up.

When you think you know the right answer turn to page 4 of this week's FOG HORN and check yours with the right answer to "What's My Name?"

CLUE NO. 1

I was born in San Gabriel, California in 1885 which makes me 59 years old today. I attended the Virginia Military Institute before going to West Point. I graduated from our national academy in 1909 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the cavalry. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 2

I was a veteran of Black Jack Pershing's Mexican Expedition, I fought in the World War I and I held many peacetime commands in this country. I led the American Seventh Army in its 38 day conquest of Sicily. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 3

I became the center of a controversial storm last November and I was publicly rebuked by General Eisenhower. In March I was relieved of my command of the Seventh Army. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 4

I have recently been given command of the American Third Army in the European invasion and have been given the permanent rank of Maj. General. I'm renowned for my "purple profanity" and I'm widely known as "Old Blood and Guts." Now What's My Name?

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For week of Dec. 4 to Dec. 11

	Time	Place
MONDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment, Variety Show	SSO 1830	Rec. Hall
Make A Talking Record	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	SSO 1400	Wards
What's The Name of That Song? Musical Quiz	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—		
Classical Record Hour	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
Come In And Hear Your Favorite Classics!		
THURSDAY—		
War Bond Show, The A.T.C. Orchestra Under The Direction of Sgt Stabile Will Entertain	SSO 1300	Rec. Hall
Detachment Dance	SSO 2000	Letterman Club
Letterman Orchestra Playing		
FRIDAY—		
AFEC Entertainment	SSO 1400	S-1
A Night Club Party	ARC 1830	Rec. Hall
Entertainment—Girl Hostesses—Refreshments		
SATURDAY—		
A Taffy Pull	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
Come And Get Stuck Up!		
SUNDAY—		
Musical Program	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall

Poly Cadet . . .



To An Army Chaplain

'Tis said that they who love the sword
Shall by the sword be slain.
You love it not! Yet where men die,
Your body too has lain.

And far away in prison camp
Where homesick sleepers toss,
Upon your tattered uniform
Is seen your silver cross.

Soldier of Christ! O man of God!
Our link with all that's fine!
You march with very human men
Yet think with thoughts divine.

O man of courage! Man of faith!
To leave your native sod,
To face unarmed a thousand deaths
To bring men home to God!

Your country has you often named
Upon its hero roll,
But only God can see
The many medals on your soul.

T/5 Herbert E. Wagle
Camp Polk, Louisiana.

MORE ABOUT ONETIME INTERNEE

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seemed a real liner to those happy American exchangees who rode her to Goa, Portugese India, where the Gripsholm waited with an exchange group of Japanese returning to their homeland. The Gripsholm was everything the Teia Maru was not, the lieutenant recalled. It was clean and neat with spacious accommodations, the food was of the best, and the Swedish officers and crew delightfully kind and helpful.

Lieut. Davis and her mother arrived in New York early in December 1943. The young woman's first step was to make renewed application for a commission in the Army Nurse Corps, and in January of this year, she realized her long sought ambition and donned the uniform and gold bars of a second lieutenant in the ANC. After a tour of duty at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., Lieut. Davis was transferred to Letterman General Hospital and arrived here this week.

Her next unfulfilled ambition is to return to the Philippines and we would say she is started in the right direction.

(Editor's note: The above story on Lieut. Davis appeared in "Army Life" and is reprinted herewith because of its local interest and is well worth reading.)

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Colonel Pedersen to Join Gen. Willis at Overseas Station

Colonel C. B. Pedersen, executive officer to Brigadier General John M. Willis, former Ninth Service Command Surgeon, will soon join General Willis in an overseas theater, Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general of the Ninth Service Command, announced today at his Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters.

Succeeding Colonel Pedersen as executive officer to Colonel Luther R. Moore, new Ninth Service Command Surgeon, is Colonel P. E. Keller. Colonel Keller, since January 1944, has been Deputy Service Command Surgeon and Chief of Professional Service for the command. Commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps in 1930, Colonel Keller was commanding officer of the Fort Douglas station hospital from 1942 to January 1944. He previously had been chief of medical services at the Fort Ord station hospital and also served at Fitzsimmons General Hospital and in the Philippines.

His wife and three children reside with him at Fort Douglas.

Colonel Pedersen has served in various capacities in the Ninth Service Command Surgeon's office since January 1942. Prior to this he was Surgeon of the First Military Area, which covered the State of California, with headquarters in San Francisco.

Born and reared in Denmark, Colonel Pedersen was a member of the Danish Army before coming to the United States in 1913. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1918, and subsequently was commissioned in the Medical Corps. A member of the Reserve Corps from 1919 until September 1940, Colonel Pedersen during this period practiced medi-

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Col. LUTHER R. MOORE, Medical Corps
Who recently assumed the duties of the Service Command Surgeon in succession to Brig. Gen. John M. Willis who went to foreign service.

LIEUT. TARO NAMED AIDE DE CAMP

The appointment of Lieut. Alfred L. Taro, MAC, to be aide de camp to the Commanding General was announced this week in hospital orders. This is the first time in the history of Letterman that the commanding general has availed himself of the privilege accorded all general officers in the matter of having a personal aide.

The selection of Lieut. Taro is a happy one as he is well qualified for the duties of his office by his gracious personality, tact, and ability to handle any and all situations without much prior notice. For the past year he has been the assistant adjutant and the experience gained at that desk will be of great value in his new role.

Lieut. Taro is a native of Washington and a former student at the University of Washington. Prior to induction into the military service he was for many years personnel administrator for the Department of Lighting for the City of Seattle.

Captain Lee Inman, MAC, until recently the Adjutant at the Dante Annex, has been designated the Assistant Adjutant at Letterman under Lieut. Colonel Seth O. Craft.

M. D. Technicians Schools Suspend Classes at LGH

The Medical Department Enlisted Technicians Schools which have been in operation within the Letterman reservation since April 1941 closed their doors on Friday afternoon of this week and ceased to function as an independent organization.

During the nearly four years of its existence the schools prepared more than three thousand technicians for various duties with the medical department at home and abroad. The first and only commandant was Colonel Humphrey N. Ervin, M.C., who recently was transferred to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, where he has a similar command.

The buildings hitherto occupied by the schools will undergo extensive alterations to fit them for use as additional hospital wards and other facilities needed for the expansion of the activities of Letterman Hospital. Approximately five hundred beds will be added to the Letterman capacity when alterations are completed. In addition there will be day rooms, recreation rooms, and a new branch of the post exchange.

Students now under instruction are being transferred to other schools to complete their training and will be divided among Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, Colo., Hammond General Hospital at Modesto, Calif., and Dibble General Hospital at Menlo Park, Calif.

Officers on the staff of instructors are for the most part awaiting orders to other stations. Captains Buck and Haver have already left for Fort Lewis, while Major Rudine is en route to Ft. Douglas, and Capt. De Meer will be assigned to Camp Roberts, Calif.

"THE BEST GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY"

"If you wish to see the best general hospital in the United States Army, then you should go to Springfield, Missouri, and see what General Foster has in his organization." The speaker was the Assistant Surgeon General of the Army and receiving suggestion of such eminence left us nothing less to do but to proceed to Springfield, Missouri, and this is what we learned.

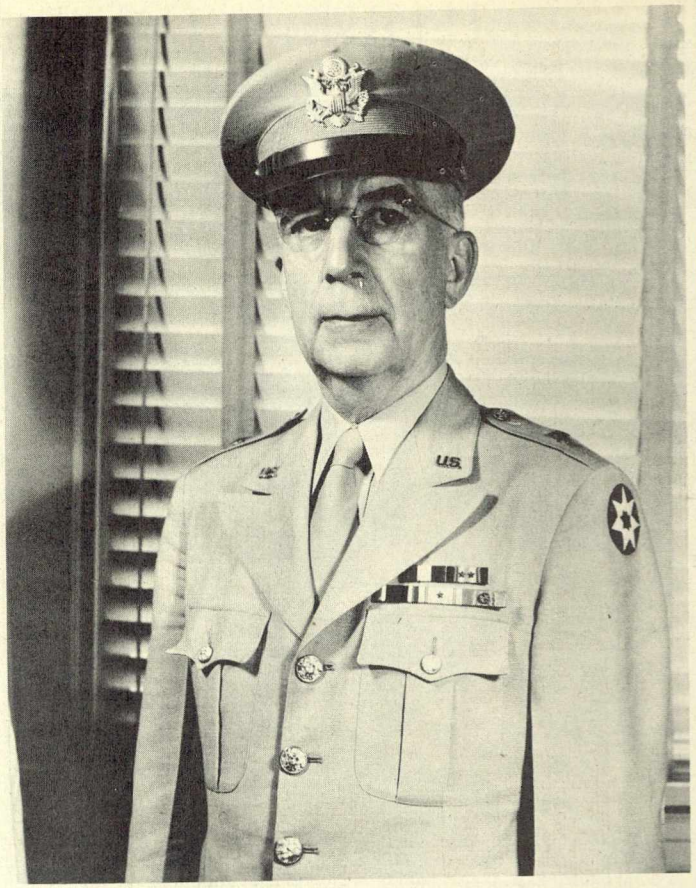
O'Reilly General Hospital at Springfield, Mo., the Army's 2200-bed hospital, built to serve the Seventh Service Command, has also since March, 1942, received patients from the east and west coast evacuation hospitals. Construction began on April 24, 1941, and on November 8, 1941, O'Reilly General Hospital was formally activated.

The mission of O'Reilly General Hospital, named in honor of Robert Maitland O'Reilly, a distinguished physician and a former Surgeon General of the U. S. Army, is to provide treatment for patients requiring attention of specialists not ordinarily available at station hospitals, and to care for those patients whose illness or injuries require long periods of hospitalization.

A Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School began on July 1, 1942, and is attended by students coming from the various Army posts, camps and stations. The School was established by the War Department for the specific purpose of training enlisted men as Laboratory, Surgical, X-ray, Dental and Medical technicians.

The School trains technicians in such a manner that the wounded will be cared for properly and skillfully. Over 6,000 men have graduated since the School was started. They have been assigned to practically all posts in the United States and all theaters of war throughout the world. Under the supervision of the Post Commander, the School is directed by Colonel William C. Pollock, M. C., the Assistant Commandant.

The hospital itself is divided into two major divisions, one known as the professional division and the other as the administrative division. The professional division is subdivided almost like any University Hospital, with such major subdivisions as the Surgical Service, Medical Service, X-ray Service, Laboratory Service and the Dental Service. All these services have the finest equipment available and are staffed with specialists in each major field. Over 10,000 patients have been admitted to O'Reilly General Hospital, and in keeping with the policy set by Brigadier General Geo. B. Foster, Jr., the Commanding Officer, each patient has been recognized as a personality and his pathological condition as something secondary. The patients are never permitted to lose their identity. Their treatment by the physicians, nurses, technicians and others must be of the same high quality as they would give to their best "pay patients." Every consideration is given to the desires of the patients as well as their needs. This is because high morale is a vital adjunct to early recovery, and experience has demonstrated that contented patients are more readily amenable to treatment and early restoration of health.



Brig. Gen. GEORGE B. FOSTER, JR.
Commanding General, O'Reilly General Hospital

The men of O'Reilly may boast of one of the finest Enlisted Men's Service Clubs in the country. The building in which it is housed was formerly the Pythian Home. This two-story stone building has been completely remodeled and has been furnished with the finest type of equipment. The Club includes a spacious ballroom, lounge room, card room, writing room, completely equipped library, completely equipped sound motion picture theater, billiard room, ping pong room, occupational therapy department and a service bar.

Post Exchange services are provided, which include a main store and two branches. The Exchange employs over 85 civilian employes and operates a general sales store, restaurant, soda fountain, barber shop and supervises the post dry-cleaning concession.

A Post Chapel was completed on October 18, 1942. This is a simple, yet beautiful structure, which seats 400, and is convertible into the three major faiths. A Catholic Chaplain and Protestant Chaplain are Available at all times. A Rabbi is available when needed. The Chapel is open 24 hours a day and one may enter at any time.

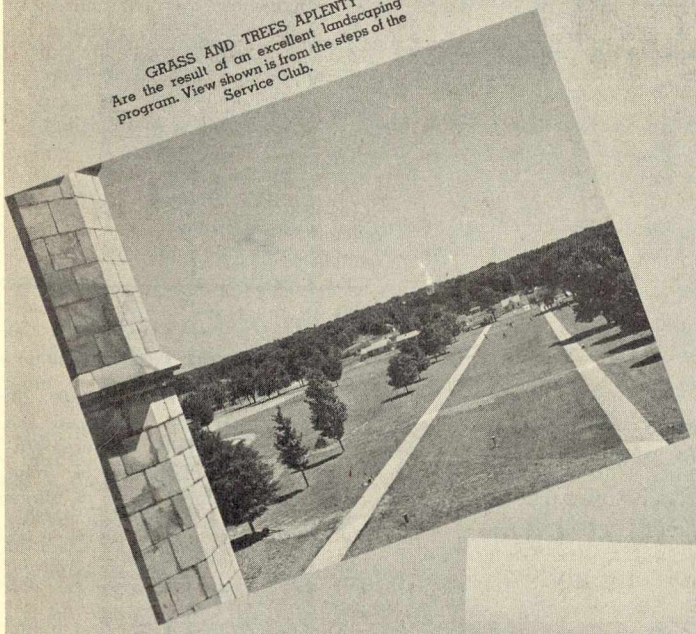
Brig. General Geo. B. Foster, Jr., M. C., the Commanding Officer of O'Reilly General Hospital, has had a distinguished and varied career in the Medical Corps. He received his M.D. at Jefferson Medical College in 1907, and the degree Dr. P. H. (Doctor of Public Health) at Harvard University in 1917; was an honor graduate of the Army Medical School, 1910 and an honorary graduate of the Medical Field Service School in 1921. He has been on active service since 1909, and among other places, has served in the Philippine Islands and Hawaii. General Foster did considerable research in tuberculosis, typhus and other communicable diseases, and demonstrated, in 1916, that the common cold is caused by a filtrable virus. He was Commanding Officer of Tripler General Hospital in Honolulu prior to being assigned as Commanding Officer of O'Reilly General Hospital. He is the author of many of the innovations now in use at this hospital.

On November 8, 1941, General Foster delivered the dedicatory address, and, among other things, he said "Dr. O'Reilly, in dedicating the Army's O'Reilly General Hospital to your memory today, we, the members of the first staff who are to operate it, dedicate ourselves to your fine traditions. We shall not let you down. We ask God, the Great Physician, that your skill be given to our hands, that your wisdom guide our judgment, that your singleness of purpose pass to us, and that with your humility, your sympathetic understanding and your great compassion, we may realize the privilege that is ours, and life at least a part of the burden of our suffering fellow-man."

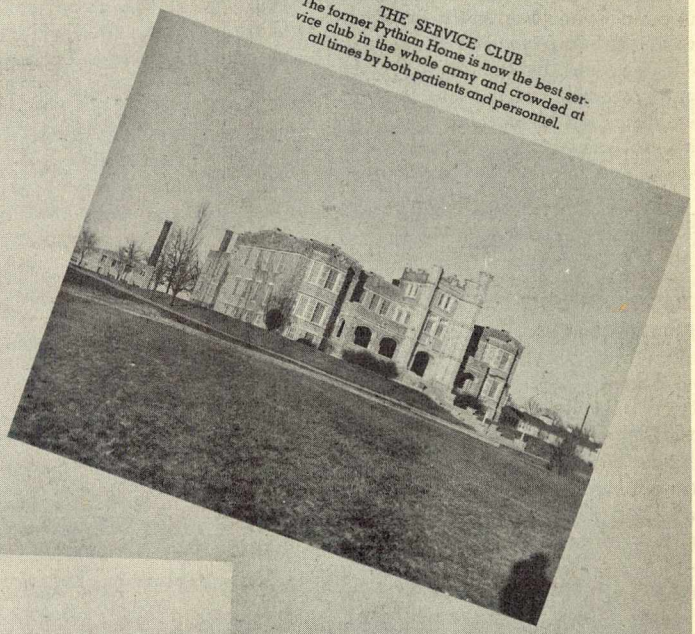
After an extensive tour of the hospital grounds and a view of its facilities we found ourselves in the position of those who came and saw and were completely convinced that O'Reilly General Hospital is the best in the United States Army, and what contributes most to its pre-eminent position is the personality and ability of the Commanding General.

As they would say in the Ozarks, "It is worth going a 'fur' piece" to see what General Foster has done with what started out to be an ordinary cantonment type hospital and turned out to be the "best in the army."

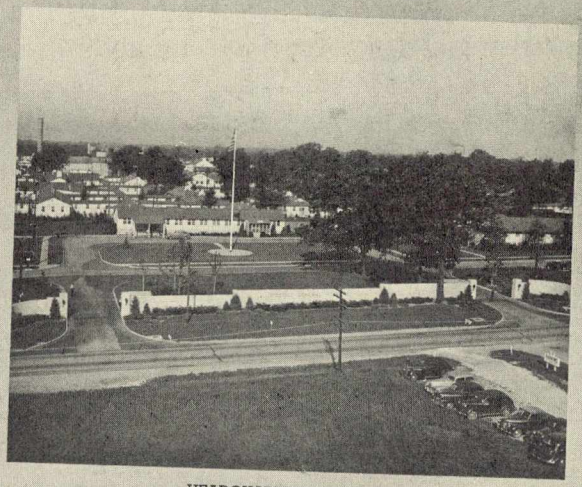
WHERE THE SHAMROCK IS THE SYMBOL OF THE SERVICE



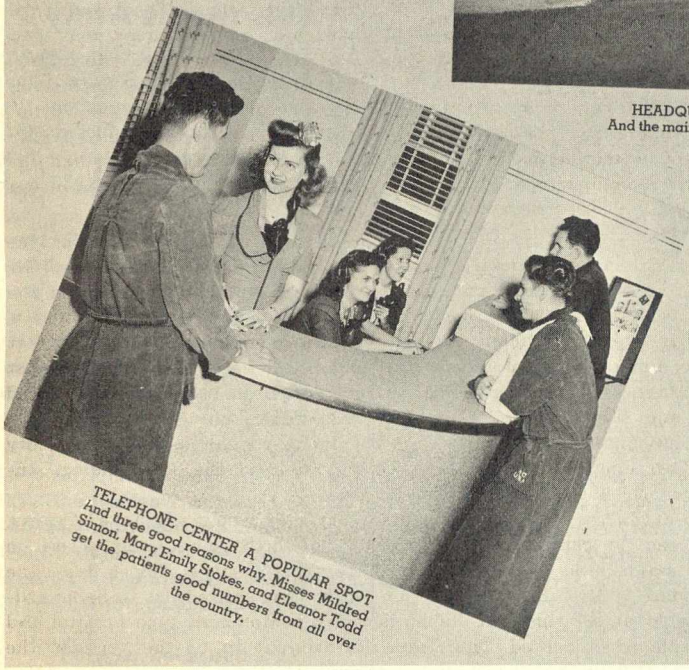
GRASS AND TREES APLENTY
Are the result of an excellent landscaping program. View shown is from the steps of the Service Club.



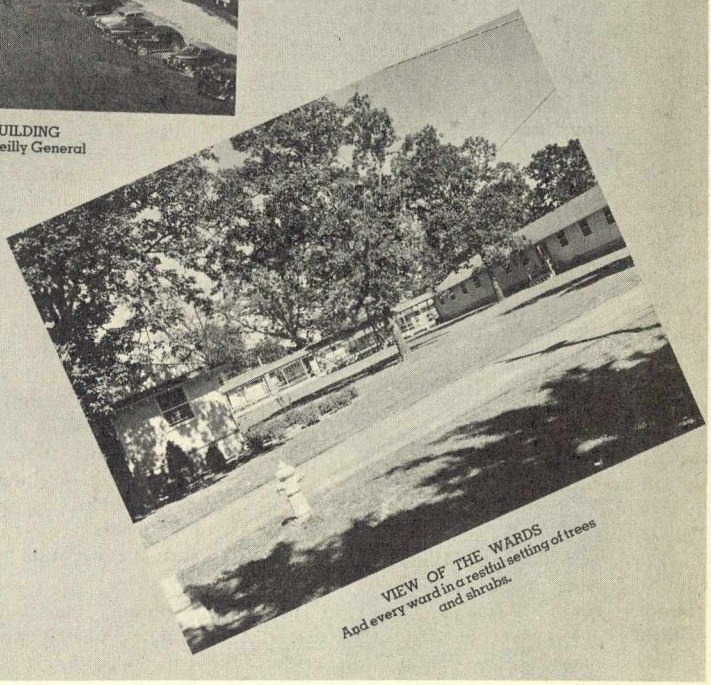
THE SERVICE CLUB
The former Pythian Home is now the best service club in the whole army and crowded at all times by both patients and personnel.



HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
And the main gate to O'Reilly General Hospital.



TELEPHONE CENTER A POPULAR SPOT
And three good reasons why. Misses Mildred Simon, Mary Emily Stokes, and Eleanor Todd get the patients good numbers from all over the country.



VIEW OF THE WARDS
And every ward in a restful setting of trees and shrubs.

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EDITORIAL

Two General Staffs

The General Staff of the United States Army is a group of officers specially trained for staff duties, but detailed to them only temporarily (in time of peace, no more than four years at a stretch.) These officers are a part of an army created by law, and subject to the provisions of law: a law one of whose basic principles is that the military must always be subordinate to the civil power.

The German General Staff is something quite different. It is a self-perpetuating institution which owes no allegiance save an allegiance to its own idea of what constitutes authority in the State. It was once subject only to the orders of the German Emperor. It is now subject only to itself, except as control may be enforced upon it by the gangster infiltrations of a Hitler or a Himmler. It is not the executor of policy, it is the maker of policy—policy not only military, but political and economic. It has but one object: that the German nation, under its direction, shall rule the world. In the accomplishment of that object, war and peace are but successive incidents. If this institution is permitted to survive, in any form, above ground or underground, and under any disguise whatever, it will bring another war upon the world just as quickly as it can contrive the means to do so and see a chance of winning.



In the Army something new has to be added every now and then—and in the Chief Nurses Office, Captain **Lizzie O. Woods** reports for duty. Miss Woods joined the ANC on 21 May 1941 and received her captaincy in May of this year. She comes to Letterman after a tour of duty in Australia and New Guinea.

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Other new names appearing on the nursing roster during the past week are: 2nd Lieutenants **Mary J. Christensen, Kathryn L. Joiner, Ruthe M. Leedom, Cecilia D. Tursi** and **Helen Smith.** A hearty welcome is extended to the newcomers.

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Latest reports on the cadet nurses: Miss **Joyce V. Mitchell** is heading a group of cadets who are now rehearsing Christmas carols to serenade the patients on the various wards of the hospital during the Christmas season.

Also a new addition to the group—in the person of **Valjene Vandever** who comes to LGH from the Providence College of Nursing in Oakland.

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From the Dante annex comes word that two nurses were hospitalized during the past week. Sincere wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to 2nd Lieutenants **Winona Peterson** and **Mary C. Flannigan.**

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Nurses will leave the command of Letterman to join the 1960th train unit soon. Though they take departure from this station, the nurses will remain nearby so that they may visit their many friends occasionally. Those leaving are: 1st Lieutenants **Florence L. Marshall, Hazel H. Webb** and **Christine W. Kording.** Also 2nd Lieutenants **Mary A. Crean, Charlotte M. Ward, Anna Mae O'Connor** and **Evelyn R. Gerner.** 2nd Lieutenants **Hazel W. Hellweg** and **Mary C. Flannigan** of the annex are included in the aforementioned departing group.

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Lieut. **Mary Burnett** writes from Fox Hole 18 at APO 209 c/o P. M., N. Y., and gives a copy of the weekly bulletin. Mentions the details for the day — Housekeeper, Lt. **Helen Hibbard;** Night Fireman, Lt. **Fran Wagner;** Day Fireman, Lt. **Celia Ohlson.** Reports that Lt. **Antonia Fasenmyer** had paid a social call on the former Lettermanites. Looking forward to ice cream for the first time on Thanksgiving Day. Such is life in the ETO.

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The nurses of the Hospital Train Unit had their Christmas tree early this year. Made it a farewell party on Monday evening to Lieuts. **Annette Williams, Helen Glos, Helen Grant, Betty Glass, Lou Wechsler, Ruth Johnson, Betty Hughes, Madge Sledge,** and **Edith Carragher** who left almost immediately for a new APO number.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Colonel **William D. Herbert** establishing "squatter's rights" to one of the softer chairs for the staff meetings.

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Captain **Leonard Buck** making his PFC calls before leaving for Lewis and a new outfit.

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Cpl. **Gordon Lockwood** back where he came in—at the Information Desk.

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Captain **Ruth Wagner** celebrating her tenth wedding anniversary but telling no one.

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Mrs. **Laura Wilkes,** Telephone Center supervisor, spreading the sunshine of her smile on one of the wards on her own time.

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Lieut. **Katherine Trask** again developing that sympathetic ear on the O. P. Service.

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Mrs. **Irene Wallace** doing an excellent job of pinch hitting for Lieut. Reese these past two weeks, while our PRO dallied at Dante.

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The radiant smile of Miss **Gloria Rich,** and not merely because it is close to Christmas.

Detroit (CNS)—The smell of a peeled orange so upset William Pace that he stalked from his home in rage, roared away in his car and crashed into a tree.

Doylesville, Ky (CNS) — Mrs Robert L. Bush, a storekeeper, claims the letter-writing championship of Kentucky. She writes 200 letters a month to 85 servicemen all over the world.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, December 10, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Chief of Chaplains Now Major General

The United States Senate on Thursday afternoon confirmed the promotion of Brigadier General William R. Arnold, the Chief of Chaplains, to the higher rank of Major General. At the same time Colonel George F. Rixey, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, was promoted to Brigadier General.

General Arnold is the first major general to hold that rank in the chaplains' corps, while General Rixey becomes the second chaplain to hold the rank of brigadier general.

Legislation authorizing the increase in rank for the chaplains was enacted by the Congress in June of this year.

Lots of Church Goers In This Man's Army

United States Army chaplains assigned to the Ninth Service Command and elsewhere throughout the world during August conducted 146,053 religious services before a collective attendance of 9,048,976 persons.

Colonel J. L. Blakeney, NSC chaplain, at his Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters, stated today that the statistics include chaplain activities at posts, camps and stations in the command where 2,867 services were held with an attendance of 116,156 individuals.

On the basis of national reports, submitted to Chief of Chaplains William R. Arnold in Washington, D. C., by chaplains assigned to troops stationed all over the world, 91,680 communion and sacramental services were also conducted for 1,008,715 people.

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BUCK OF THE WEEK



WILLARD J. LEHMAN
Pvt. SCU 1960

A returned veteran with 45 months of overseas duty to his credit — including action at Pearl Harbor and Bougainville — and now selected feature as 'Buck of this Week' is the lot of Private Willard J. Lehman, native Californian, of the 1960th SCU.

Born in Long Beach, California, the private's family was not content to establish permanent residence there and so moved to Lomita, still in the southern California area, when Bill was very young. It was in Lomita that he received his education and upon graduation from high school, joined the National Guard. Why he did this, Bill does not know, except perhaps, because his father was an Army man. He attended this organization each Monday night.

As a livelihood, Private Lehman worked with the Wellington Public Address System Service as a sound equipment man and mechanic. And he remained with this job until the day he received his invitation from Uncle Sam to join the Army. That fateful day came in the month of September, 1940, and he was inducted in Ventura, near his home.

Because of his national guard training, Private Lehman was not prescribed to take basic training at the time and just two months after his induction his unit embarked for overseas. Hawaii was the ultimate destination. And he was in Hawaii at the time of Pearl Harbor action. After December 7, 1941, his unit remained in this territory for a short period before going on to the Fiji Islands, where they underwent a rigid training period and then embarked for Bougainville where they went into action.

Time hung heavy for the private after they secured the island, and then finally in August of this year he was returned to the states, and after a short leave was reassigned to the medical corps.

IMPROVED PROCEDURE FOR PERIODIC REPORTS ON WAR CASUALTIES AT WORK

A new procedure whereby the emergency of Army casualties will be supplied with detailed information from overseas in the shortest possible time has been announced by the War Department.

Under this plan, which is to be placed in effect immediately, the original casualty notification telegram and letter of condolence from the War Department in Washington will be followed by a letter direct to the emergency addressee from the commanding officer or the chaplain of the organization to which the soldier was attached. This will be done shortly after the casualty occurs. These letters will give specific details relative to the circumstances of death, funeral arrangements, and burial of soldiers who die or who are killed in action overseas.

In the case of men seriously wounded, such information will be forwarded direct from the hospital to the emergency addressees of the wounded men.

During the interim, from the receipt of the original notification from the Adjutant General until the supplemental information is received by the emergency addressees direct from the overseas theater, no further information will be available at the War Department. Relatives and friends of Army personnel who become casualties should keep this in mind during the period of anxiety immediately following the receipt of the telegram and letter from the Adjutant General, as it will be impossible to supply any additional information from the War Department.

Heretofore, the only information available in the War Department was contained in the intial casualty report which was received by the War Department either in one code word or three code letter, indicating that the individual upon whom the report had been submitted had been listed as a casualty on a specific date. Numerous telegraphic, telephonic and letter inquiries have been received in the Office of the Adjutant General for additional details on the death of these persons, and in many instances it was impossible to supply any details. Under the new program such information will be dispatched immediately from the soldier's commanding officer, thus informing the families at the earliest possible date and giving them benefit of available information.

In addition to supplying information direct from the field on death cases, a new procedure relative to the submission of progress reports on wounded and seriously ill personnel is being put into effect. This procedure embodies the writing and dispatching from the overseas hospital of a letter by hospital personnel addressed to the emergency addressee immediately after the soldier is admitted to the hospital, provided that his case is in the seriously ill category. This letter will contain, in nontechnical language, a brief description of the wounds suffered by the soldier and will be couched in terms that the average layman can readily understand. In the case of soldiers wounded in combat but not seriously ill, the procedure provides that a postal card will go forward from the hospital each 15 days, stating in simple language the condition of the soldier concerned.

This procedure will be of great comfort to the emergency addressees and of value to the War Department. As in the case of deceased personnel, numerous letters of inquiry are received concerning men who have been wounded. Practically all of these letters contain a request for additional information. Families of wounded soldiers are always anxious to know how a man was wounded, what part of his body was struck, and what progress toward recovery.

The progress reports that have heretofore been submitted from the field to the Adjutant General and, in turn, transmitted by that office to the emergency addressees will in the future be made out at the hospital at which the wounded man is a patient and will be mailed directly from the hospital to the emergency addressee. This plan will enable the emergency addressee of wounded personnel to receive later and perhaps more accurate information than was possible under the system formerly used.

The letter will be written concerning a seriously wounded man immediately upon his entry into the hospital. Approximately 15 days from that date a postal card indicating the progress which is being made by a wounded man will be sent from the hospital. Then, within another 15 days after the postal card is mailed ,another letter will be written by the hospital if the soldier

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ON THE SPOT



CHARLES F. DABNEY
Pvt., Infantry

'On The Spot' this week is Private Charlie F. Dabney who holds the Purple Heart for a wound received in battle at Maffin Bay, New Guinea, and who has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal—"for heroic achievement." His citation reads: "With utter disregard for his personal safety, he carried supplies and evacuated wounded, over difficult terrain and under intermittent fire until he was wounded."

The Japs had killed or wounded so many of his outfit's medical corpsmen in the two-day battle that he and others from his antitank company were detailed as litter-bearers, Private Dabney explained.

"Hill 225 was held by the Japs," he said. "It was a strong point that blocked our advance on Sarmi. We really were laying it on them, with mortars and artillery, and the second day we began using demolition charges and flamethrowers to blast them out of the caves where they were dug in.

"That 400-yard stretch back to the aid station, where several medical officers were working on the casualties, was hard going. Not only were the shells falling too thick for comfort, but we had coral formations, thick brush, and one 12-foot cliff in our way."

It was on that cliff that a Jap mortar shell put Private Dabney out of action, wounded several others and killed the lieutenant who was working with his detail.

"We were making a kind of human ladder to lower the men over it," he went on. "Two men had footholds on the face of the cliff and the rest of us at the top or bottom. That shell hit right there beside us, not more than 20 feet from me. They dug shell fragments out of my back, my side, my right arm and my right leg.

MEDICAL DETACH

The following members of the detachment received furloughs during the week: T/4th Gr. James A. Griffin, and T/5th Gr. Aubrey E. Hollenbeck, each with 22 days; Sgt. Merle Frazee, and T/5th Gr. George A. Lopach, each with 21 days; Pvt. Percy L. Landingham with 20 days; Sgt. Lawrence E. Pearson, Pvt. Willie D. Calderon, and Pvt. Ralph G. Steinkellner, 17 days; S/Sgt. Roger E. Williams, 15 days; T/5th Gr. David C. Taber, 12 days; and Sgt. Leonard E. Canavan with four days.

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Interesting to See:

Flash—from the Diplomatic Front: Tech. 5th Gr. John Barsocchini accepting the Waves as Allies and trying to negotiate a treaty of cooperation. Best he could do was get a non-aggression pact.

That man with the horn, Pfc. Urban J. Louis, braving the elements by riding to Ft. Cronkhite in a drafty G. I. truck. Incipient pneumonia is incidental to the trip—patient doing fine.

Pv. Benjamin Weitz back from a visit to Brooklyn and finding his canine wards A.W.O.L., namely Herkimer, and Begal.

Cpl. Scott G. Ross walking on air since his basketball team, the Buckos won their first game. Watch for future games.

Cpl. Robert (Bob Baxter) Colvig meeting his match in the lineup of the pending East-West football game. The team rosters were conspicuous by their absence from his daily news and sports cast. And he does so well with Mihailovitch, Dostoersky and Yakutsk not to mention Brest-Litovsk.

T/5th Gr. Jesse A. Allen back filling prescriptions in the Pharmacy after spending a month in the annex as a patient.

S/Sgt. Jack LaVelle explaining how to keep your figure and still eat Army chow.

T/3rd Gr. Charles Wilcox now being claimed champion pinochle player by some of his opponents.

IF WAY TO MAN'S HEART IS VIA HIS STOMACH LT. SLEDGE HAS INNER LANE



Lieut. WILMA SLEDGE, M.D.D.

A frequent idle thought among the men in the fox holes of New Guinea is about the food they would like to have for that first meal back in the home land. Very frequently they put that request to the ward-master on arrival here and he answers with: "You will have to see the lieutenant about that." Then GI Joe settles back with another frustrated notion. To him the "lieutenant" is probably a former mess sergeant who knows all the negative answers when it comes to special chow.

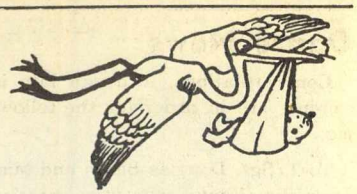
But comes the pleasant surprise here at Letterman. The "Lieutenant" is Lieut. Wilma Sledge, M.D.D. —the alphabet stands for Medical Department Dietitian—and she is very easy on the eyes. What smiling brunette is not? Hers is the job to make the men feel glad they took the trouble to come home from foreign fields, and in her professional knowledge lies the way to a man's heart if it be true that the route leads through his stomach. Once she gets the heart of the men that makes everyone happy.

Lieut. Sledge is a native of Coushatta, La., and went to high school in her home town before going off to Louisiana Tech for her collegiate work. Following graduation she had a year's interneship at Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, won the approbation of the American Dietetic Association and joined the army pronto. She reported for duty at Letterman on 17 June 1943 and stayed with us ever since.

Her principal achievement hereabouts is transforming jaded appetites into something having a definite morale factor among the patients. A tray prepared following her suggestions will cause eyes to light up in anticipation the length of the ward and every listless man in the place takes renewed interest in food as something to live for instead of by. And if it happens that the smiling lieutenant chances to be giving her personal supervision in addition, well, you whistle . . . the type cannot.

Befitting a young lady of her age the lieutenant considers her main hobbies as dancing and riding. On one occasion she gave public expression to her interest in men, the tall, dark handsome type, so we do not feel we are revealing any confidences by adding that to what she likes.

Lieut. Wilma Sledge is an asset to this command and we hope the big bad wolf in the higher echelon who changes people from station to station will forget she is here. We never will.



To Major and Mrs. John R. Richards a son, David Lambert, born 26 November; weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Neil P. McCloy a daughter, Mary Ellen, born 28 November weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Joseph P. Rossi a daughter, Sandra, born 28 November; weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. James A. Flagg a daughter, Joanne Margaret born 27 November 1944; weight 8 pounds 15 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Raymond A. Smith a daughter, Joan Catherine, born 3 December weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Russell W. Baldowsky a daughter, Lynne Arlene, born 28 November; weight 6 pounds 11 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Wallace W. Walker a son, William Wallace, born 27 November weight 4 pounds 9 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Bernard J. Rost a son, Bernard Joseph, born 28 November; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

To Tech. 3rd Gr. and Mrs. Robert H. Parsons a son, Robin Mac, born 27 November; weight 9 pounds 11 ounces.

To Tech. 4th Gr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Howard a daughter Mary Kathleen, born 2 December weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Harry A. Miller a son, Harry, born 3 December; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

MORE ABOUT COLONEL PEDERSEN

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cine in China, San Francisco, and Tahoe, California.

Colonel Pedersen's wife and daughter, Miette, a student at St. Mary's of the Wasatch, will remain in Salt Lake City until the close of the school year.

Dante News

Congratulations, although late in coming, are in order for the following:

To T/Sgt. Douglas Beran and Miss Jacquelyn Young who were married November 19.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Byron Hutchinson on the new addition to their family in the person of Daniel Allen, weight 8 pounds 8 ounces, born November 9.

To Cpl. James Blakeney, returning from a furlough beaming from ear to ear because Mrs. Blakney presented him with Cherl Diana, weight seven pounds eight ounces, born November 30.

Two new faces appeared at the Annex in the past two weeks. 2nd Lieut. George W. Maxey, Med. Adm. C., taking over the duties of Assistant Unit Commander and 2nd Lieut. Robert F. Tentschirt, Jr., Med. Adm. C., taking over the duties of Assistant C. O. Detachment of Patients.

MORE ABOUT IMPROVED PROCEDURE

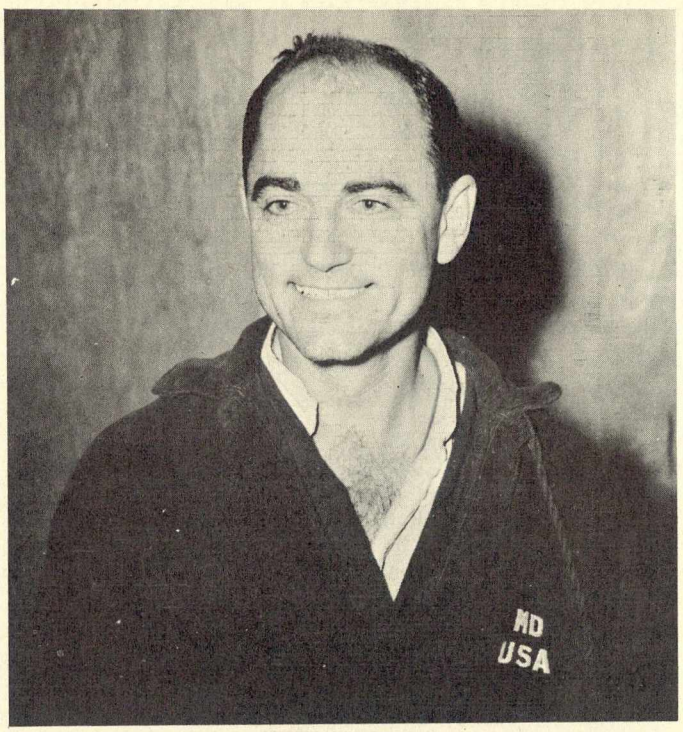
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is still on the seriously ill list. As long as he remains in that status, the emergency addressee will hear from the hospital each 15 days. Both letters and postal cards will be forwarded from the overseas theaters to the United States by air mail so that the delay between the date of writing and the receipt by the emergency addressee will be held to a minimum.

This new plan will in no way eliminate the present "message of cheer" which each emergency addressee is encouraged to send at Government expense to a wounded soldier once a month. The Adjutant General will handle this matter as he has done previously, because it is felt that not only do the wounded soldiers receive a lot of pleasure and consolation on the receipt of the message of cheer, but also these messages help support the morale of the home front.

The new procedure will in no way affect the present policy whereby a special report is submitted to the Adjutant General which is passed on to the emergency addressee in the case of any patient who has been hospitalized either for wounds, injuries ,or illnesses and who takes a dangerous turn for the worse.

VALLEJO VETERAN BACK FROM THE PALAU ISLANDS PRAISES MEDICS



STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH W. LUCAS has been evacuated to the United States after being wounded in action on Angaur, in the Palau Islands.

"The Bowl" on the northwest tip of Angaur, in the Palau Islands, was full of lead the day Staff Sergeant Joseph W. Lucas was hit.

At Letterman, where he has just arrived after evacuation from that battle for the eastern flank outpost for the Philippines, the Vallejo, California, Doughboy told something of the rugged opposition the 81st Infantry Division had to overcome there. He was a platoon guide in one of the division's rifle companies.

"We had fought in that rocky canyon for three days and two nights before I was wounded," he said.

"And although we had spent one night under a regular barrage of hand grenades thrown from caves and the top of the canyon, there hadn't been anything as rough in our 12 days on the island as that last day was.

"Three platoons of us were moving up one side, putting explosive charges into their caves and pillboxes. General Sherman tanks were out in the middle of the narrow valley, blasting away at them when the Jap guns would show up. They kept it up all morning through rain so hard that they could hardly see out of their periscopes most of the time.

"The tanks kept the Jap guns out of action pretty well, but it was up to us to go in and knock them out. They were rigged up in such a way that even an artillery shell bursting in the mouth of the cave didn't seem to hurt them much.

"We had been at that all day when I was hit. The leading platoon ran into trouble and several men were wounded. We had thrown smoke grenades for cover and were trying to get litter bearers up for them when a Jap sniper's bullet got me in the abdomen."

Sergeant Lucas paid tribute to the bravery of Technician 5th Grade Joe Hanch, of Detroit, Michigan, medical aid man with his company, who got to his side and treated his wound.

"He was under fire himself all that time," he declared, "but he didn't pay any attention to the bullets flying. I saw him expose himself to danger like that time and again. For days, he had been doing the work of several men. The Japs had wounded a number of our medics."

Before induction he was manager of the Quality Meat Market, Sacramento Street, Vallejo.

A Day in Springfield Clipped from The Daily News . . .

POLICE CALLS

Car reported in 600 block North Fremont with siren, 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Officer unable to locate it.

Mrs. Augusta Leeobermier, Omaha, Ark., reported that she returned to room in Victory hotel, 220 North Campbell, found two soldiers in bed. Took her suitcase and upon checking out of hotel found that two strands of beads were missing. Officer searched soldiers, found beads and returned them to woman. No action taken by officer as woman requested that soldiers not be punished.

Car reported blocking driveway in 200 block West Olive, 8:31 a.m. Sunday. Officer issued request ticket to owner.

Drunk man arrested in 700 block East Lynn, 3:40 a.m. Sunday.

Prowler reported at 200 block Boonville, 10:46 p.m. Saturday. Officer unable to locate.

Man reported threatening family in 800 block North Washington, 4 a.m. Sunday. Officer took man to police station where he was held for investigation pending charges to be filed by wife.

Prowler reported at 1600 block Washington, 11:13 p.m. Saturday. Officer unable to locate.

Police asked to investigate youth at Burge hospital who had been injured in a knife fight, 2:10 a.m. Sunday. Officer found Clarence Evans, 23, of 1701 West Central, who had received cut on neck and face. Officer took no action.

Boys reported breaking glass in alley at 1100 block North Robberson, 12:25 p.m. Sunday. Gone when officer arrived.

Barking dog reported in 1900 block Roosevelt 4 p.m. Sunday. Officer left warning notice.

Disturbance reported at Harris cafe, 500 block South Campbell, 3:05 p.m. Sunday. Officer found soldier had taken control of cafe door, would not let anyone in or out and "wanted to fight." MPs took charge of soldier.

Boys reported breaking street lights at Wabash and Nichols, 8:59 p.m. Sunday. Officer unable to find boys.

Parked car reported in 1900 block Pythian, 8:45 p.m. Monday. Officer found girl and soldier sitting in car, asked them to move on.

Keglers Hit Their Stride Again—Win Two Out of Three

The Letterman bowling team hit their stride on last Monday night when they won two out of three games bowled against the Cheerio team at the Broadway-Van Ness alleys in the 750 House Handicap league.

The Post Exchange bowlers won the first and third games by a hundred pins but lost the second frame when the opponents won it by the narrow margin of 2 pins because of the thirteen .point handicap. The medics are now only four games out of first place—but in the event that they continue to bowl and continue to pile up the pinnage as they did in the past week, they have a good chance of winning the 750 House Handicap league.

The pill-pushers set a new high series for the handicap last Monday night when they rolled a total of 2578. Yohel was high man for the evening with a 562 total pinnage followed by Otterstetter who scored 509 for the series. Bell came through with an even 500 and seems to be on the upgrade after the slump of the past month. Fuller came through with a 485 series and Michelotti wound up as low man for the medics with 472 total of the three games bowled. High score man was Otterstetter who rolled a total of 200 pins in the third game.

The Post Exchange Keglers are now only a quarter way on the road in this league and still have some pretty tough series ahead of them, but according to team captain Bell, the medics should be able to take the situation in hand and win without too much difficulty if they don't pile up too many handicaps in the future.

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Bell	171	174	155	500
Michelotti	175	151	146	472
Fuller	127	162	196	485
Otterstetter	181	128	200	509
Yohe	190	174	198	562
Total	844	789	895	2528

Cheerio

Bambarger	114	153	136	403
Asseln	176	161	131	468
Siegel	155	172	143	470
Kilian	129	144	158	431
E. Bambarger	147	154	169	470
Sub-total	721	784	737	2242
Handicap	13	13	14	40
Totals	734	797	751	2282

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For Week of Dec. 11 to Dec. 18

		Time	Place
MONDAY—			
A.F.E.C. Entertainment, Variety	(SSO	1845	Rec. Hall
Stage show composed of Radio, Stage and Night Club talent.			
Ping Pong Tournament	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—			
A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Wards
Bingo—Prizes	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—			
USO Camp Show Unit No. 4	SSO	1400	Wards of Letterman & Dante
"Swing Time Follies" A variety of singing, juggling, cartoonist, puppets, tap dancing, pianist, accordionist, and comedy.			
Glenn and Dorothy Hurlbert	SSO	1400	S-1
Norwegian Nite Club Party	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
Girls—Smorgaasborg			
SATURDAY—			
USO Camp Show Unit No. 4	SSO	1400	Rec. Hall
"Swing Time Follies"			
SUNDAY—	SSO		

POLLY CADET . . .



S. P. Puts on New Coach Train for Men on Furlough

Effective December 4th, the Southern Pacific inaugurated the "Furloughee Challanger," an all coach train from San Francisco to the east, for the movement of Military Personnel.

Civilians will not be assigned space on this train except, that a service man or service woman may secure space for their immediate families, when the member of the armed service is actually accompanying them to destination.

Train is scheduled to leave San Francisco Ferry at 6:30 P. M. daily. Arrival at Omaha, Chicago and Kansas City, will be the same as now shown in time tables for the "Challenger."

Train will consist of coaches only. Diners will be provided for meal service. There will be one coach for Ogden, two for Omaha, one for Kansas City, and several for Chicago. Reservations must be secured in advance, in line with present practice on the "Challenger," and all Southern Pacific Offices in San Francisco and Oakland will have an allotment of seats.

Reservaitons may be made at the time the tickets are purchased and sales will be made to the military personnel in uniform only. Do not send the wife or daughter down to pick up the ticket—she will not get it.

This latest service of the Southern Pacific is an attempt to let the military personnel have more than half a change to get on the train during the holiday furlough period.

MORE ABOUT ARMY CHURCH GOERS

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Other activities of American Army chaplains the world over included 121,981 guardhouse and hospital visits and performance of 769,538 Army pastoral duties for 8,869,100 individuals, in addition to making 3,113,619 contacts with civilians outside military installations on 32,050 occasions.

Oklahoma City (CNS) — Summoned from church to answer a 2-alarm fire, Fire Chief George McAlpine dashed around the block to the firehouse. Then he dashed back again to the church—to extinguish a blaze in the Sunday School.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Col. Patterson is Honored Guest at Birthday Party

On 11 December 1944, the friends and colleagues of Colonel Russel H. Patterson gave a surprise birthday dinner party for him at the Presidio Officers' Club.

It was kept a complete surprise, and when Colonel "Pat" opened that door and saw all of his friends assembled, singing "Happy Birthday" much off-key but heartily, he was amazed and touched beyond words.

Thanks certainly go to General and Mrs. Hillman for getting him to the club so cleverly and without him even guessing.

The table was arranged in a "U" shape, with "Happy Birthday Colonel" written in large letters made of flowers. There were a few cocktails first, a steak dinner, birthday cake and Colonel "Pat" did nobly by an impromptu thank-you speech. Then Major Fred M. Anderson presented Colonel "Pat" with a "51" desk set and leather blotter pad "to encourage him to sign various requests his junior officers make from time to time." A large placque made by the medical artist was passed around and signed by all attending the party, and that was deeply appreciated by the Colonel. Major Anderson also read telegrams from some of the officers who had been unable to attend.

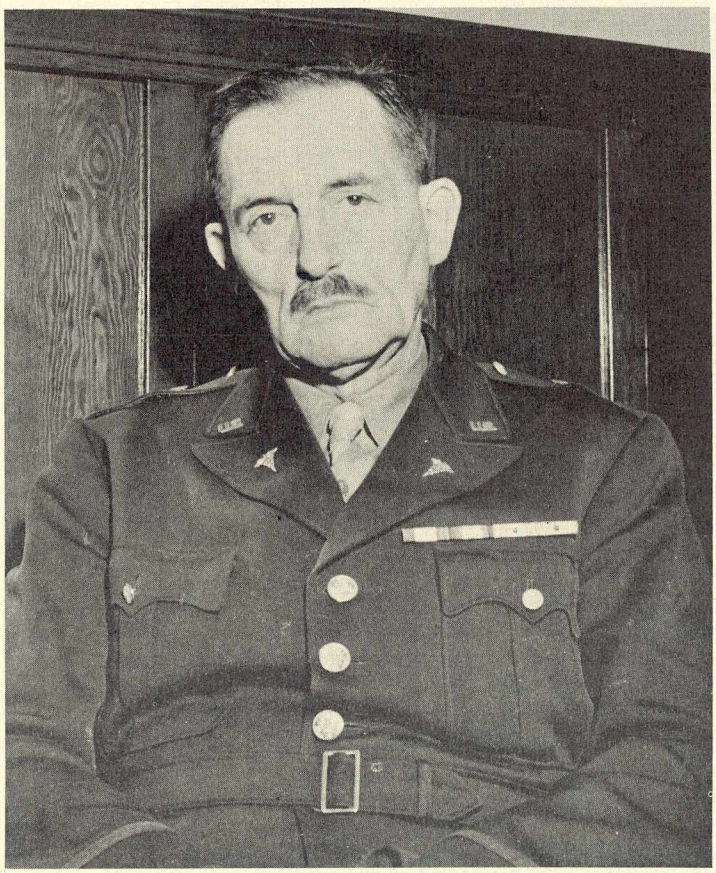
True to form, Colonel "Pat" had the ladies working for him, with Mrs. Weed cutting the cake and Mrs. Hillman opening his packages! He did, however, take a piece of cake around personally to each of the persons there, and had some appropriate and witty remark to make to each.

Mrs. "Tschaikowsky" Alward rendered "Happy Birthday to You" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" on the piano admirably, despite the rather bad but lusty accompaniment given her.

The cast room boys, under the guidance of Captain Donald R. Pratt, made a paddle with "Happy Birthday Colonel Pat" and an Indian chief etched in, which was put to good use by all.

In addition to the guest of honor and Mrs. Patterson, the guests included General and Mrs. C. C. Hillman; General and Mrs. F. W. Weed; Colonel and Mrs. B. S. McClintic; Colonel and Mrs. C. W. McMillan; Colonel and Mrs. Zistel, of the 4th Air Force; Colonel and Mrs. Galliett, Post Commander; Lieut.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL EDGAR KING
Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D. C.
Was a visitor in an official capacity at Letterman December 12 and 13. General King is making a tour of hospitals throughout the country and expressed himself as being well pleased with the skill and efficiency of the Letterman personnel and the cheerful and contented attitude of the patients here.

Joe E. Brown is Welcome Visitor To Letterman Vets

On Tuesday the wards of Letterman reverbrated with the well-known yell from the wide open mouth of Joe E. Brown. His progress through the wards could be easily traced by the waves of laughter that followed him.

Comedian Brown is no stranger to Letterman. Last year he paid the hospital a visit, and many of the staff were already acquainted with his cheerful smile and dynamic wit. Going through the wards he constantly encountered men whom he had met in all the far-flung outposts of the war. Joe E. Brown has traveled more than 100,000 miles entertaining service men and women, has visited every war front save that in France in giving 500 shows, expects to go on tour again.

In San Francisco to attend a regional meeting of the Red Cross at the Civic Auditorium, and to autograph copies of his book, "Your Kids and Mine," he managed to spend two days visiting the hospitals in the district in spite of his crowded program. The indefatigable comedian refuses to take time out to make a movie until the war is over. His cheerfulness, his vivacity, and his warmly human personality make him one of the most welcome visitors Letterman has known.

Going through each of the wards, Joe had a joke and a handshake for every man. In the mess-hall, even the importance of food was momentarily submerged to cheers and laughter as he wise-cracked with the men. He stopped briefly at the recreation hall for a word with the patients gathered there, before going on to Dante Annex to make the rounds of the wards there, and to talk to the ambulatory patients

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KILLING JAPS BY THE DOZEN IS FULL-TIME OCCUPATION

Bullets from a Japanese machine-gun on Angaur Island traveled only six inches to plow into the right arm and left hand of Staff Sergeant George H. Krallman, 24-year-old Infantryman from Paris, Arkansas.

Having already helped to knock out two other enemy guns on Angaur's highest ground last September 23, Sergeant Krallman, a rifle squad leader in the 81st Infantry Division, leaped toward the third.

As he reached it, the Japanese gunner opened fire, his burst tearing into the Doughboy's arm and hand. The sergeant crawled away from the Nip machinegun emplacement as buddies who had followed him killed the enemy gunner with rifle fire. Barely able to lift his wounded arm, Sergeant Krallman nevertheless managed to give himself first aid.

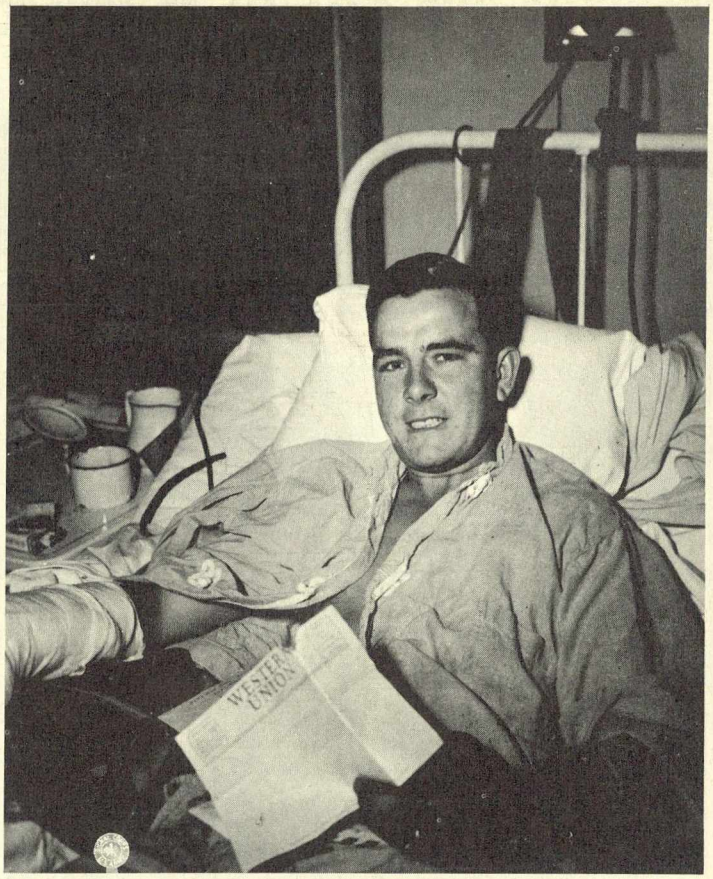
Fifteen minutes later, comrades carried him down the hill, gave him morphine, and turned him over to a litter party. In another half hour, Sergeant Krallman was on board a hospital ship.

Among the first wounded to return from the Palau Islands operations, which preceded General MacArthur's return to the Philippines, Sergeant Krallman, in an interview at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, released by the War Department today, described his combat experiences.

"The action in which I was wounded," he said, "was a push to dislodge the Japs from their positions on a ridge with a 260-foot elevation, the highest point on Angaur. My squad was given the job of knocking out three Nip machine-guns covering one route of advance to the top of the ridge.

"We had silenced two of the guns with rifle fire and dynamite charges, and I was leading the men to the third, swinging a machete to cut a path through the jungle growth, which was very thick at that point. We had been firing into the machinegun position. I didn't know what the circumstances were, whether there were any Nips alive in the emplacement or not, so I lunged forward, in a half crouching, half crawling position, and just as I reached the gun, it opened up on me.

"I fell right on the gun, pulled myself away from it, and crawled out of there. The burst that got me was the last the Jap gunner fired. One of my men got him with an M1 rifle at pointblank range."



S/Sgt. GEORGE H. KRALLMAN
Wounded on Angaur Island by Japanese machinegun bullets which traveled only six inches as, charging a Nip emplacement, he fell across the gun, Staff Sergeant George H. Krallman, 24-year-old Infantryman from Paris, Arkansas, has been returned to the United States. A rifle squad leader in the 81st Infantry Division — the "Wildcat Division" — he has been awarded the Purple Heart.

On that bloody Sunday, Sergeant Krallman said, he and his buddies had a driving urge for vengeance in their hearts as they surged forward in attack. The night before, one of the most popular men in their company had been killed in a manner peculiarly characteristic of the sneaking viciousness of the Japanese.

"We were dug in beside a little pond," the sergeant said. "It was the blackest night I ever saw. Shortly after midnight I heard a cry of anguish I'll never forget. It came from a position a few feet away from me. A Japanese dragging with him an eight-foot pole with a bayonet tied to the end of it, had managed to sneak in and he plunged that bayonet into my buddy's back.

"The Doughboy never had a chance. He was a machinegunner, and had been posted at his gun to guard against Jap infiltration attempts, but in the pitch darkness the Jap managed to sneak in behind him.

"His scream of pain meant death for the Jap. One of my men, Lowell M. McKinney, a Tennessee boy, whirled in his foxhole as he heard the scream, saw the Jap, and killed him. We found the Jap's body in the morning, the pole still in his hands."

Sergeant Krallman landed on Angaur on September 16, the third anniversary of his wedding.

"I was thinking so hard of my wife that day that I never was scared," he said, "and it was that way all the way through, even after I was hit. I knew she wouldn't want me to be jittery or afraid, and I wasn't."

Boring inland through the jungle, Sergeant Krallman's regiment advanced so rapidly that by the night of September 16 it had reached the point which, according to plan, it was scheduled to reach two days later. That night the Doughboys smashed a Japanese raid made in an attempt to knock out the four tanks accompanying the Arkansas sergeant's outfit.

"We fought them with rifles, grenades, and even knives," Sergeant Krallman said. "It was our first taste of hand-to-hand combat, and, in the darkness, with the Japanese fighting like maniacs, it was nightmarish. But when we drove them back, when we saw the dead they left behind them, we knew we were better men than they were."

The sergeant killed at least a dozen Japanese, he thinks. His first was a sniper, lashed to a tree in the usual Japanese manner. Spotting the sniper by the direction of his fire, Sergeant Krallman approached to within 30 yards of the tree, and with three rounds of his M1 rifle killed the Jap, whose body sagged, then hung limply in his lashings, as his weapon thudded to the ground.

The sergeant, upon his arrival at Letterman, received 65 letters from his wife, Mrs. Thelma Mae Krallman of 1211 South Vine Street, Paris. The mail had failed to catch up with him overseas.

"Reading these," he said, "is enough to make any Doughboy forget anything he's been through."



YOUR weapon is your best friend. Don't neglect it and keep it with you at all times.



AVOID unnecessary risks and dangers. Cooperate with the other men by using common sense and teamwork.

SCREEN STARS ILLUMINATE THE DAY AT LETTERMAN

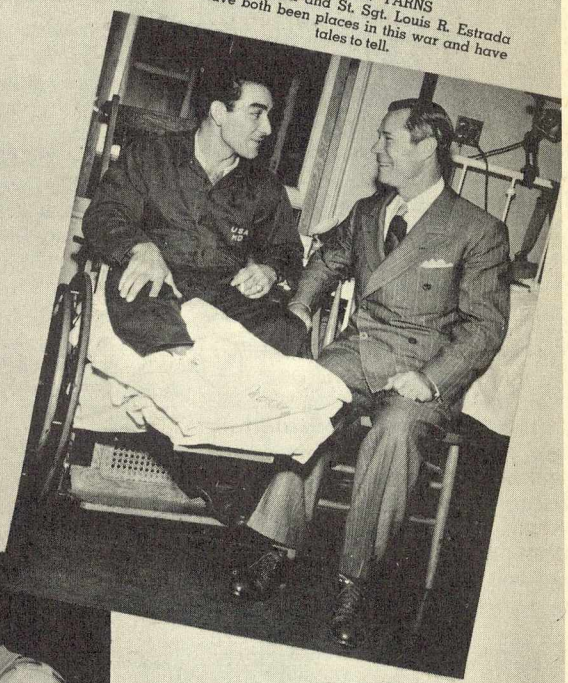
AUTOGRAPH
Joe E. Brown gives his signature to Cpl. John H. Hubbs but it is not on a blank check.





HE DOESN'T GET IT
The quizzical look on the face of Pvt. Walter J. Kalafut means he is just wondering how Lieut. Elizabeth E. Reese got all those things in her hand bag. Joe E. Brown is trying to change the subject, while the man in the background is not Alex Woollcott - - just Pvt. Louis E. Kern.

MATCHING YARNS
Joe E. Brown and St. Sgt. Louis R. Estrada have both been places in this war and have tales to tell.





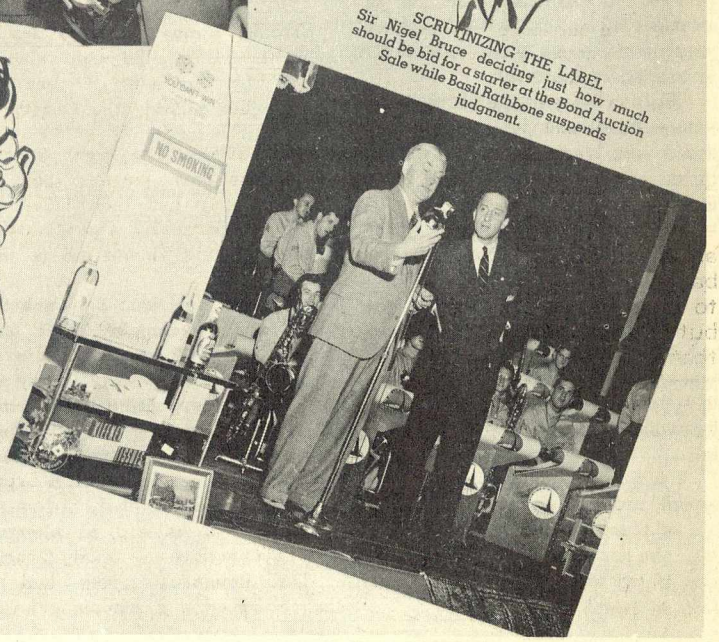


TALKING IT OVER
The stars and the band leader get together. Basil Rathbone, Sgt. Vincent Stabile, of the ATC band, and Sir Nigel Bruce.





SCRUTINIZING THE LABEL
Sir Nigel Bruce deciding just how much should be bid for a starter at the Bond Auction Sale while Basil Rathbone suspends judgment.





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EDITORIAL

COOPERATION

In every phase of military life, tactical or technical, cooperation is the keynote of success.

From the least administrative detail to tactical operations of a gigantic scale, cooperation is the determining factor in the success or failure of the entire mission.

You may ask what cooperation is. The popular conception is that cooperation is a fifty-fifty proposition between two parties.

Actually this is not true, because cooperation always involves the feeling that you are doing sixty per cent of the effort while the other party is doing only forty.

No venture can be called completely successful unless each man feels that he is doing more than his share.

This is true more along some lines than others. In the athletic and recreational line cooperation involves more than sixty per cent.

Maybe you do have to carry an extra bat or glove out to a ball game; maybe you do have to practice on your own time, but did you ever stop to think that may be the next fellow is carrying TWO extra bats and TWO extra gloves and maybe he won't even get into the game.

Under present conditions in ASF installations we are working with a minimum of personnel. Uncle Sam wants every man to be contented but that contentment and happiness will never come about unless each man works that little extra to make his buddy think that life is worthwhile. Let's all pitch in and make things easier for all of us. (Foster Forum.)

THE OBSERVER SAW

Many farewells in the occupational therapy branch, with Miss **Frances M. Hatch** and Miss **Margaret I. Bass** leaving for Fort Lewis; Miss **Nancy Cole** heading for Baxter Hospital; Miss **Arlene C. Simonson,** student aide, going to **Mayo Hospital,** and Miss **Grace E. Dee,** student aide, having a short stay at home in St. Louis while she waits for her new assignment.

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Captain **Joseph P. Morgan,** formerly Special Service officer here, paying a flying visit to his many friends at Letterman.

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The Letterman thrush, Mrs. **Kathleen Tracy,** stopping the show at the Work Progress rally for Oakland Air Service Command, with her songs accompanied by the Letterman band.

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Lieutenant Colonel **James Callaway** combining business and pleasure on a trip to Letterman, his former post.

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The Post Exchange doing a landslide business in Christmas gifts.

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Lieutenant **Bernard D. Ozehoski** spending a day of his leave from Fort Lewis at Letterman and looking fit for any kind of duty.

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Captain **"Bunny" Edwards** making a bid for basketball's most valuable player by amassing tremendous scores while piloting the Letterman Buckos to victory.

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Corporal **Rex Lutz** proudly displaying his "young Tarzan" son in the wards to friends at Dante Annex.

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Sergeant **Leonard B. Canavan,** Staff Sergeant **Donald Allison** and Sergeant **Arne F. Lunden** leaving on a four day pass before departing for Officer Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



Recent addition to the nursing roster of LGH is 1st Lieutenant **Mildred McMillan**—who comes here after two years of duty at Torney General Hospital in Palm Springs, California. A hearty welcome is extedned to the lieutenant.

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Doing a wonderful job with her bond selling, 2nd Lieutenant **Ola V. Baxter** is said to be doing just as well, if not better, than any movie star could do. Rumor has it that she sold as much as $65,000.00 worth in one evening. Think of that!

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On Wednesday of this week—Captain **Ruth Wagner** and Captain **May D. Hanawalt** were invited to attend a Christmas party, held in the Rose Room of the Palace Hotel. They were the guests of the San Francisco Advertising Club and there was a luncheon followed by entertainment.

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Even a good nurse gets sick every now and then, and this week our wishes for a speedy recovery are directed to 2nd Lieutenant **Ruth B. Robieson** of the Dante annex, who was hospitalized during the past week.

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Also from the annex comes the news that 2nd Lieutenant **Bertha L. Semlak** has taken a jaunt cross country—to Chicago. The lieutenant has a 14 day leave in which to do just as she pleases.

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"In agin' out agin' Finnegan" could be applied very appropriately to 1st Lieutenant **Ressa Jenkins**—for the way she has been putting in appearances lately. Within a period of three weeks she dashed in three times to say 'hello' to her many friends here. Then she scurried back to Hammer Field, Fresno, California. The lieutenant is a former member of the Letterman nursing staff.

St Petersburg, Fla (CNS) — Three days after someone had swiped Charley Granderson's extra suit, Granderson moved to a new apartment. Hanging in the closet he found his suit, left there by the vacating tenant.

St Louis (CNS) — Seeking a divorce, a local man testified that his wife left home 8 years ago to take his pants to the cleaners. He hasn't seen wife or pants since.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, December 17, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Chaplain John F. Monahan Dies Suddenly

Chaplain (Colonel) John F. Monahan, Personnel Officer in the office of the Chief of Chaplains for the past eight years, died suddenly on Thursday of last week as the result of a heart attack.

Chaplain Monahan was an officer of the Regular Army and served with the 27th Division in Siberia during World War I. He also served at Chilkoot Barracks, Alaska, and Fort Shafter, in Honolulu. Prior to his assignment to the office of the Chief of Chaplains he was stationed at Fort Bening for five years.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Boston, Mass., and Major General William R. Arnold led a delegation of chaplains in attendance.

Wedding Bells

On Wednesday, December 13, Mrs. Helen R. Giviner became Mrs. Lee R. Lisama. The wedding took place at 2:00 p.m. at the Baptist Church at 21 Octavia Street, in San Francisco, with Mrs. Avis Crawley acting as matron-of-honor.

The new Mrs. Lisama wore a gray suit trimmed in silver fox and a gray picture hat. She carried a spray of bouvardia and camelias. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride at 1101 Reviera St., San Francisco, where the couple will make their home.

Mrs. Lisama has been at Letterman for the past four years, where she has worked in civilian personnel, military personnel, and more recently at Dante Annex as assistant commanding officer of the detachment of patients and military personnel. She will continue with her present work for the hospital.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



NOEL JOHN PADDON
Pvt. Med. Det.

Selected as buck of this week is likeable Private Noel John Paddon, formerly a student of the Technicians School, and now performing the duties of a corpsman on Ward A-1.

Paddon was born in Nelson, British Columbia in Canada, but when he was a year and a half old his family decided to move to the United States. The Paddon family settled in Aptos, a small California town near Santa Cruz. It was in this community that Noel received his education at the Aptos Grammar School and Santa Cruz High. Upon graduation from school he thought that he would like to construct things and became a carpenter's apprentice. He changed his mind after a short time and decided it was the wide open spaces for him, so he took to farming. Just six months later, however, greetings were extended to Noel and he became one of Uncle Sam's soldier nephews.

Inducted into the army on May 13, 1944, at Monterey, he received his first orders to proceed to Camp Barkeley, Texas, for extensive basic training. This was endured for twelve weeks—and the private expresses no desire whatever to return to that locality. With basic training accomplished, Private Paddon was then sent to Letterman where he attended the surgical school. This schooling gave him a new slant on the army. He values his training and hopes that when the war is over he may continue with studying surgery.

"I'm going to take advantage of the training and schooling opportunities and maybe I'll find I should be a surgeon," says Noel. And we know he can do it.

In spite of his busy workday and studying, Pvt. Paddon still finds spare minutes to work with his extensive stamp collection, which he first started when he was 10.

ARMY'S MOST POPULAR TELEPHONE EXCHANGE GETS NO ADVERTISING

GI's are pretty much sold on the idea of the long distance telephone to communicate with the folks back home as it is . . . but there's one telephone exchange in this country that is, beyond any doubt, the most popular one in the Army, according to an article in the December issue of CORONET magazine. Referred to only as Telephone Exchange X, due to reasons of military secrecy, the exchange is located at an East Coast Debarkation Point . . . and it handles up to 1500 calls a day.

The calls are made by soldiers returning from overseas duty . . . and usually, they are the first inkling their families have that they are back in this country. Telephone Exchange X operates 24 hours a day . . . and serves only soldiers calling home . . . but sometimes it packs more drama within its walls than a whole drawerful of Hollywood scripts.

No booth is out of use more than 45 seconds day or night . . . as long as it takes the chief operator to announce over the public address system "Corporal Smith, calling Ashtabula, Ohio, please go to Booth 4," and Corporal Smith to crush the cigarette he's been nervously smoking and dash into Booth 4, says CORONET.

Once inside the booth, he sits down tensely and glues the receiver to his ear. Then he hears the voice —mother, wife or girl-friend—and his face lights up. If he's like most GI's he won't talk himself out in less than seven minutes and when he finally emerges, he'll appear slightly punch drunk. If not red-eyed, he'll grin idiotically at everyone he passes on the way out, or he'll mumble to himself; or he'll be silent and dreamy with the peace that comes when you know everything is alright at home and nothing has changed.

There are 18 switchboard girls who are brought in from nearby towns by chartered bus in three eight-hour shifts, and they are witness to all this, and sometimes a little choked up themselves. But none of it comes through to those at the other end of the wire says CORONET. All they hear is a calm "Is this Mrs. William Smith of 2424 Main Street? We have a collect call for you from Corporal John Smith. Will you accept the charges?"

Usually there is a gasp and then a breathless "Where is he? Where's he calling from?"

The regulation answer is a formal "Due to military regulations, we are not permitted to give you that information." Then, perhaps because they are human too, the girls weaken and say, "It is not an overseas call, Madam," and with that, the call goes through.

The telephone company has done its best to make things comfortable for those who must wait at the exchange. Not only does it furnish bound copies of the latest newspapers and magazines, but sees to it that free cigarettes and ice-cold Coca Colas are distributed to the waiting boys through the long hours of the night.

The girls who staff the exchange love their work. "We wouldn't change our jobs for anything," they say. "You see, we always bring good news."

By special arrangement the Seattle "Post Intelligence" makes available to all men from the state of Washington a free telephone call to any member of their families.

Mission High Plays Santa Claus To Letterman Patients in a Big Way

On December 8 all public schools of San Francisco closed their doors for a brief pre-holiday vacation. Mission High was one of these schools but the students had not forgotten Letterman—in connection with the approaching Christmas season—and on the last day before their vacation started four young ladies, students at Mission, accompanied Mrs. Florence Milliken, sponsor of the gift-wrapping program, to deliver 120 gaily wrapped gifts to the hospital. This was just preliminary to the 900 which were picked up with an army truck the following day.

For the past year the students have been sending gifts to the hospital from time to time, and delivered by the students. The last group included: Phyllis Myron, Mary Lou Thompson, Barbara Veltri, Rita Garrity and Mildred Gardner.

ON THE SPOT



ELLIS E. TAYLOR
Pvt., Infantry

Wounded in the right arm himself, Private Ellis E. Taylor, of Scottsdale, Arizona, Infantryman, crawled 200 yards under heavy eenmy fire at Aitape last July 10 to obtain medical aid for a more seriously wounded buddy. It didn't occur to the private as he casually related the incident that he had done anything unusual—and so we select him as featured 'On The Spot' this week.

"Why," he said, "Infantry combat is team play, all the way through. Every GI knows that his buddies will help him out when he's in a tough spot. That's one thing that helps a fellow a lot when he's in action. He knows the other guys are counting on him and he just won't do anything to let them down."

Private Taylor was wounded on his 13th day in combat, as his rifle company, a unit of the 43rd Infantry Division, advanced against a Japanese hill position. At the time, he was fighting as an assistant BAR man (Browning automatic rifleman). It was the BAR gunner for whom the young infantryman sought aid after a bullet had pierced his own arm.

The private admitted it had been a fairly rough day. Early in the morning he clambered into a Japanese pillbox to finish off a Nip machinegun crew whose members had been softened up by a series of grenades, several of which he had thrown.

Later, when he was helping to carry a wounded lieutenant to the battalion aid station he witnessed the act of a buddy which added grim point to the Doughboy's jungle maxim—"When you see a 'dead' Jap, you'd better shoot him again."

Pvt. Taylor had high praise for the basic weapon—the M1 rifle. He said it functioned perfectly despite the mud that filled his foxhole and the neck-deep swamps he waded through on patrols.

MEDICAL DETACH

Furloughs were issued to the following members of the detachment during the week: Private Homer S. Woomer, with 23 days; Privates Ernest L. Christopherson, Elmer C. Wahley, Roger R. Rockholm and Ralph T. McCormick—each with 15 days; Techs. 5th Grade Rex P. Davis and Robert H. Northcott—who received 21 days; and Tech. 5th Grade Jesse C. Allan who received 6 days.

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A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week: Pvts. Robert M. Shrewsbury, Henry E. Puro, Rodney T. Smith, Benjamin Sugar, Charles F. Pearson, Arthur F. Mahoney, William F. Crepps, Robert D. Kirschner, Joseph F. Lifschutz, Seymour Kolko, Milton H. Smith, Eugene C. Sandbert, Fred S. McGeoch, Cleve B. Vaughan, Selig A. Gellert, Charles W. Roth and Rolf W. Brandt.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/Sgt. William Murphy paying a visit to Letterman after completing his basic training at Fort Lewis.

PFC. Harry Agruss looking high and low for the "sadistic" invention of the 1000 calorie diet. "He's cost me 20 pounds already," screams Agruss. (On you it looks good, Harry.)

Sgt. Lewin S. Villa doing his best to depopulate the duck domain, and having good luck after a long, long wait.

Dept. of Facts, Fiction and Phenomena: Pfc. Robert Anderson charming a female admirer completely "out of this world" with his piano pounding at the last G. I. dance. (Her last words as she sank into a graceful swoon were, "He's so round, so firm, so fully packed" —Doesn't sound like musical terms to us.)

Sgt. Robert J. Bement advertising the paint job—by wearing his fatigue suit that has more paint on it than the walls he painted!

The inseparable trio—you see one and you see all—S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein—Cpl. Robert L. Colvig—and Pfc. Robert Anderson.

LETTERMAN LAUNDRY GETS CLEAN DEAL FROM CHARMING CAPTAIN



Captain WILLIE B. BARRY, WAC., Laundry Officer

The captain comes from Texas, and although she's no pistol packin' mama, she does manage to get things done with speed and efficiency.

Captain Willie B. Barry hails from Laredo in the Longhorn country and was in the first group of ten Wacs to leave Des Moines after finishing Officers Candidate School. She enlisted in July, 1942. Her first assignment was Bakers and Cooks School at Fort Riley, after which she returned to Des Moines to teach mess management to the officer candidates. Her civilian training, as well as a highly developed gastronomic taste, admirably fitted her for her Army role. Captain Barry graduated from the University of Texas, taking her Bachelor of Science in home economics, and took her M. A. at Columbia in textile design. She was home service director for a public utility company, and her territory extended from just north of San Antonio, Texas, to the border, and west to the border. Following this job she served as supervisor for the home economics program for public schools in Laredo.

After teaching at Des Moines, she went to Daytona Beach, Florida, where she supervised the Bakers and Cooks School and filled out her day by acting as commanding officer of a company and Provost Marshal for the post. Her next assignment at Fort MacArthur gave her still more variety, for she was property officer in the Signal Corps. In Phoenix, Arizona, a little later, to quote her own words, she was "all-around assistant." Her duties there made her assistant respectively to the laundry officer, the civilian personnel officer, the adjutant, and the war bond officer. On October 24 she came to Letterman, where she now holds the post of laundry officer.

Captain Barry's family is well represented in the service. Her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Ralph M. Barry, is in the cavalry, and just returned from two years oversea service in the South Pacific. Her sister, Pfc. Carolyn Brennan, is serving with the Wacs in Italy, and her brother, with the Navy, was in the first landing in Africa and saw service at Salerno and Italy.

The new laundry officer has very definite plans for her post-war future. She aims that she's fixin' to sleep until ten every morning and just stay at home. And when we see the energy she puts into her work at Letterman, we can understand the lady's yearning. But while the war endures, and the ten o'clock rising is out, we are very glad to have her here at Letterman.

The Stork Was Here

To Captain and Mrs. William B. Crowell a son, William Bresie Jr., born 5 December 1944; weight 5 pounds 11 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Charles F. Bagley, a son, Charles Frank III, born 3 December, weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Maynard M. Misall a daughter, Marcia Marie, born 6 December, weight 7 pounds.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Howard E. Moser a daughter, Diane, born 1 December, weight 6 pounds.

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. Chester L. Cool a daughter Elizabeth Marian, born 4 December, weight 5 pounds 10 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Constantino Gonzales, a son, Earl Tino, born 9 December, weight 5 pounds 12 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Roger A. Bent, a son, Stephen Adam, born 5 December, weight 8 pounds 15 ounces.

To Tech. 4th Gr. and Mrs. Sam Terravecchia, a son, Joseph Lawrence, born 9 December, weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To Tech. 4th Gr. and Mrs. Roman J. Jaszewski, a son, Thomas Michael, born 9 December, weight 6 pounds 13 ounces.

To Pfc and Mrs. Francis E. Brady, a daughter, Barbara Ann, born 6 December 1944, weight 8 pounds 1 ounce.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Joe A. Strunk, a daughter, Joanne Elizabeth, born 6 December, weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

MORE ABOUT COL. PATTERSON

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Colonel and Mrs. C. S. Duttenhofer; Mrs. C. F. McCuskey (Colonel "Mac" had to be away on a trip); Major Fred M. Anderson; Major and Mrs. H. C. Alward; Major and Mrs. Clinton V. Ervin, Jr.; Major and Mrs. E. Campion; Major and Mrs. F. R. Day; Mrs. T. A. Broderick; Major M. Barfield-Carter; Major and Mrs. V. E. Johanson; Major and Mrs. R. McKee; Captain and Mrs. S. M. Hollombe; Captain M. J. Holdsworth; Captain and Mrs. A. C. Jones; Captain and Mrs. A. J. Ingram; Captain and Mrs. H. S. Maul; Captain Donald R. Pratt; Captain C. C. Mohun; Captain and Mrs. J. R. Master; Captain and Mrs. J. F. Rhodes; Lt. and Mrs. R. C. Bechtol; Lt. and Mrs. J. B. Dillon; Lt. and Mrs. V. H. Kuenkel; Lt. and Mrs. J. C. Burke; Mrs. Rhonda Yarter.

Fishing Excursion Fun for Letterman Izaac Waltons

Next Sunday the third of the newly inaugurated fishing trips for Letterman patients is scheduled to to take place. The trips, planned for every other Sunday, have proved extremely popular with the veterans. The Army furnishes a taxiboat, accommodating 12 patients, which leaves from pier 17 around 8:30 in the morning and returns at 5:00 in the evening. The patients are accompanied by one officer and one non-commissioned officer of the reconditioning branch.

Mr. Joseph Springer, chairman of the Fishing Tackle Committee of the San Francisco League for Service Men, donates rods, reels and hooks for the use of the fishermen. Mr. Springer and a couple of other ardent Izaac Walton enthusiasts accompany the men to instruct those of them unacquainted with the ways of the finny denizens in the best method of filling a creel.

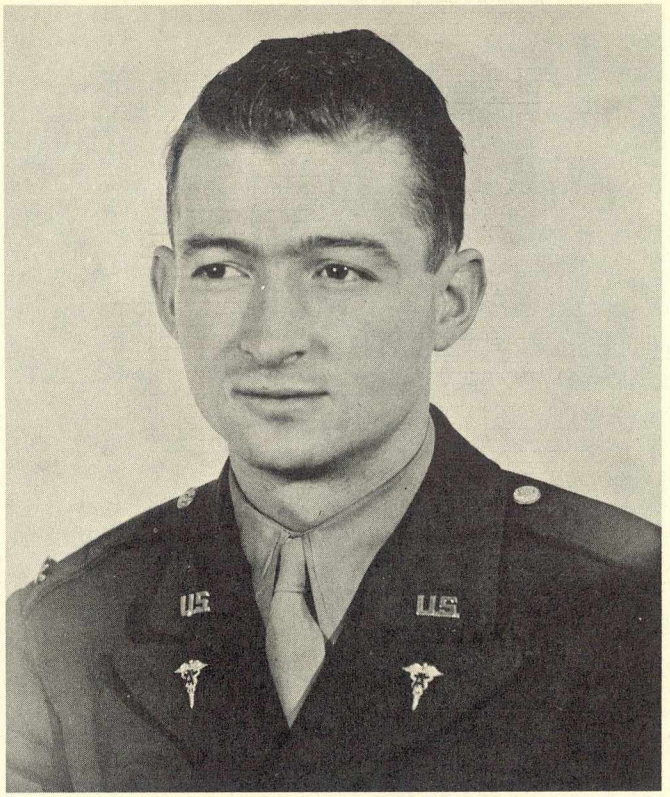
In addition to the pleasure of landing a fish, the reconditioning program has provided more fun by offering prizes for the first fish caught, the biggest fish landed, the greatest quantity by any one fisherman, and a booby prize. On the December 10 expedition, the prizes were won by T/4 Dean "Pop" Latimer for his striped bass, the first legal-size fish caught; by Private Charles Burch for a six pound bass, and by T/4 Joseph Alderson for the greatest number of fish. The dubious honors of the booby prize went to T/5 Rex Lutz, of the reconditioning branch, for letting the biggest fish of the day escape him and for finally catching the last one of the excursion.

Balboa, Cal (CNS)—John Vogel charges no rent to guests in his hotel. A sign hanging in the lobby reads: "If your room was worth anything, donate said sum to the USO."

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—George Hazzard, 92-year-old inmate of an old-folks' home, walked 18 miles to visit his "girl friend," a 70-year-old Buffalo waitress, and discovered here that she had ditched him. "I'm off women for life," he said sadly, "I'm getting too old."

Brooklyn (CNS) — When Mrs Gladys Doherty returned to her home here from a weekend in Philadelphia, she found to her dismay that the house was missing. The building had been condemned and razed during her absence.

FINAGLING FIGURES AND FILES FILLS TIME FULLY—AND HE LIKES IT



2nd Lieut. HOWARD T. HUTCHINGS, MAC., Chief Military Personnel

All the new faces at Letterman have stimulated our curiosity. We tried to match the faces to the jobs and got nowhere fast. Then we tried picking a job and hunting a face to suit it and still found ourselves very much off the beam. So finally we got practical and decided to just check sensibly and find out just what positions our newcomers held. We present Lieutenant Howard T. Hutchings, M.A.C., who arrived at Letterman on the 16th of November and is the new chief of Military Personnel Branch.

In Military Personnel, where the payrolls of the enlisted men and their allotments are made up, and where, among other things, all the service records are checked and sent on with the evacuated patients, a liking for figures and detail is an integral part of performing the job successfully. Lieutenant Hutchings is well fitted for his new role, for his Army career interrupted the accounting course he was taking at the University of San Francisco. In addition to his university work, the lieutenant was working for the Pacific Greyhound lines. He plans to take advantage of the G. I. educational facilities when his Army days are over to continue his studies in accounting.

Lieutenant Hutchings is one of the lucky men who were assigned close to his Berkeley home, where his wife and son are now residing. He was inducted into the Army in August of 1942 and assigned to the Presidio of Monterey for basic training. Officer Candidate School at Camp Barkley, Texas, was his next stop. He was commissioned the 1st of November, 1944, and Letterman was his first assignment as an officer.

When he isn't working, the lieutenant likes to play at the more active forms of recreation. He likes baseball, golf and basketball, and should be a good recruit for the new Letterman basketball team.

Any officer who has a part in the process of paying the patients is naturally a popular man in this sector, but if our hero really wishes to achieve immortality around here, he will figure out some method by which the men can be paid without climbing three flights of stairs.

Letterman Site Of Conference For Air Force

A conference of the Air Force liaison officers, the first since the recent inauguration of this branch in the hospitals in the coastal area, met at Letterman General Hospital on the 11th and 12th of December, 1944. The purpose of the conference was to check the differences and problems encountered in the various hospitals. The meeting resulted in a report of excellent cooperation from all the hospitals, regardless of variations in operating procedures.

The conference was attended by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman; Major Fred C. Slausen, assistant chief of hospital liaison division, from AAF Redistribution Command, Headquarters, Atlantc City, and liaison officers from all Army Service Force general and regional hospitals and Army Air Force regional hospitals from the states of Washington, Oregon and California.

Among the officers present were Majors G. R. Hall, of Army Service Forces Regional Hospital; W. P. French, of Hammond General Hospital; R. N. Smith, of Dibble General Hospital; R. B. James, of McCaw General Hospital; P. F. Mollerstrom, of Army Air Forces Regional Hammer Field Hospital; Captains A. D. Wiess, of Hoff General Hospital; R. C. Smith, of Baxter General Hospital; and Lieutenants R. McAtee, of Hutchinson General Hospital; J. W. Lemmer, of Torney General Hospital; R. J. Lynn, of Dewitt General Hospital; S. F. Wiemer, of Barnes General Hospital; J. E. Fawcett, of Madigan General Hospital; J. F. Corrigan, of Army Air Force Regional Hospital at Hamilton Air Field, and L. Heitel, of Letterman General Hospital. There were also present three flight surgeon consultants, Majors L. M. Kistler, B. H. Bennett and H. E. Denyer.

MORE ABOUT JOE E. BROWN

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gathered in the solarium to await his coming.

Joe is a visitor who will always receive a heartfelt welcome at Letterman. His next tour is planned to take him to the Philippines. And his peak ambition is to give a show before victorious Yanks in Berlin.

Bucko Basketball Boys Bag Easy Stoneman Game

The Presidio-Letterman Buckos won their second game of the season last Tuesday night when they defeated the Camp Stoneman five, at Camp Stoneman, by a score of 45 to 27.

The Buckos took complete control of the game right after the opening minutes and from then on it was definitely a one-sided affair.

Edwards and Remple formed the Buckos attack as Edwards scored 16 points and Remple got 15. The team on the whole looks very good on the offensive but have a few rough spots in their defense which they hope to have ironed out before their next contest.

And at next Wednesday's game when the Presidio-Letterman five is scheduled to meet the Navy of Treasure Island at 8:00 o'clock P.M. in Kezar Stadium—there will be stiff opposition. The Navy team is reported to be the Navy's best and remains undefeated in all the games they have played in the Bay Area.

The game promises to be a thriller and admission will be free to men from this command—transportation will be furnished. The busses will leave from in front of the Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m.

The box scores of last Tuesday nights game were as follows:

PRESIDIO-LETTERMAN BUCKOS

Players	FG	FT	Pts.
Rempel, f	7	1	15
Puterbaugh, f	1	1	3
Murphy, f	0	0	0
Edwards, c	5	6	16
Slott, g	3	1	7
Young, g	0	0	0
West, g	0	0	0
Palermo, g	1	0	2
Pieterzak, g	1	0	2
Total	18	9	45

STONEMAN

Players	FG	FT	Pts.
Smith, f	2	3	7
Grabowski, f	2	2	6
Marlow, f	0	0	0
O'Bannion, g	2	1	5
Ott, c	0	0	0
Mandler, g	1	0	2
Rouse, g	2	3	7
Freed, g	0	0	0
Total	9	9	27

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For week of Dec. 18 to Dec. 25

		Time	Place
MONDAY—			
A.F.E.C. Entertainment, Variety.....	SSO	1845	Rec. Hall
Local Radio, Theatre, Night Club talent			
"Make A Record".....	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Send a Christmas message home.			
TUESDAY—			
A.F.E.C. Entertainment, Variety.....	SSO	1400	Wards
WEDNESDAY—			
Bingo Party	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—			
Musical Program	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—			
A.F.E.C. Entertainment, Varity.....	SSO	1400	S-1
Winter Wonderland	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
Christmas night club party entertainment—girl hostesses—refreshments.			
SATURDAY—			
SUNDAY—			
Christmas Choir Music	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall

POLLY CADET . . .



Leather Pushers Compete for Championship

One hundred and thirty four leatherpushers, stationed at Ninth Service Command military installations in the West, were competing December 14, 15 and 16 for district crowns and the right to enter final competition to determine the command's boxing champions in eight different weight classifications, it has been announced at Fort Douglas, Utah.

The district matches, the second phase of the Ninth Service Command boxing championship tournament, were held at Fort Lewis, Washington, for the Northern Security District; Camp Kearns, Utah, Eastern Security District; Camp McQuaide, California, Central Security District, and Camp Lockett, California, for the Southern Security District.

Winners in the district bouts will be entered in the tournament's final fisticuff matches, which will be held January 18, 19 and 20 at a yet unnamed locaiton, to select the top eight boxing kings of the Ninth Service Command. All boxers participating in the district contests are champions of intra-mural competition staged recently at posts, camps and stations.

The tournament, under the supervision of the athletic and recreation branch of the command's special service division, is part of the huge Army Service Forces' morale stimulating program inaugurated several months ago.

Marshall Reaches Retirement Age Soon

But Is Expected to Be Kept on Job as Chief of Staff

(By ALNS) — General George Marshall will reach his 64th anniversary on December 31, and under ordinary peace times would therefore be retired from active duty with the Army on January 1, 1945. However, it is expected that President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief, will ask General Marshall to remain on active duty as chief of staff of the U. S. Army and member of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, so as to retain his direction of American military forces in the war.

When Admiral Earl King reached retirement age in 1942, he was continued in office as head of American Naval forces.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Christmas Greetings





Brigadier General C. C. HILLMAN
Commanding General

Another Holiday Season is here and we find our country still engaged in combat against the enemies of Christianity. Implacable foes would deny us the right to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Let our prayers go up for those who face death in the mud and ice of distant battle fields. When the days seem long and the tasks difficult, let us be reminded of our comfortable position as compared with theirs. May this thought give us greater zeal and strength to contribute our utmost to the common cause. We must not break faith with those who are paying so much more dearly for the ideals that all of us cherish.

I am proud of this command and of the patients who are entrusted to its care. All of you are entitled to the heartfelt satisfaction of having performed an essential service well. May you look forward to the coming year with confidence and always with the spirit of brotherly love that characterizes the Christmas tide.

My best wishes to all of you.

C. C. HILLMAN
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Commanding

Traditional Yuletide Spirit to be Maintained at LGH

For the men who have been "over there" and who have come home again the Christmas program at Letterman will have a special appeal this year. Everything has been planned with the idea in mind that Christmas should come up to the expectation of the men who have envisioned that day while still battling in the jungles of Pacific isles.

The Christmas party for the patients has been made possible through the generosity of the people of San Francisco and the bay area and gifts for the men have been coming in all week. The Hearst papers have repeated their good deed of last year in gathering funds to be used for the benefit of the war wounded and Letterman patients are to participate in the donations collected by the San Francisco "Examiner" and "Call Bulletin." There will be a gift for every patient on this Christmas Day.

The celebration of Christmas will begin with a Christmas Eve Service in the Post Chapel at 1930 conducted by Chaplain L. Lane McCammon, and there will be Masses on Christmas morning at 0600 and 0800. There will also be Midnight Mass at the Post Theatre in the Presidio.

The distribution of gifts will begin at 0900 on all the wards, with the beloved Gray Ladies of Letterman acting as the representatives of Santa Claus, and there will be the traditional Christmas dinner with turkey and fixin's at noon. Cigarettes and candy will be found in a bag at every place on every table.

In the afternoon a program of entertainment, furnished through the generosity of Mr. William P. Kyne, General Manager of the Bay Meadows Race Track, will cover every ward

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The Hospital Train Unit's basketball team lost its opener to the strong 253rd Army Band team by a score of 36 to 20. The high score man for the HTU was Al Guzman who scored 9 points.

The athletic department welcomes back Cpl. Fred Budy who has just spent a 15-day furlough in Waseca, Minnesota.

M/Sgt. Fred Shoup, who has been acting First Sgt. of Co. "B" since its inception, has finally received his orders to depart and this time it is for parts "Known" instead of the usual parts "Unknown." Letterman General Hospital will be the new, and we hope, happy home for our well-liked Sergeant. The men of Co. "B" wish the best of luck. Our loss is Letterman's gain.

S/Sgt. Joe Cavicchoni is stepping into Shoup's place. Joe "the Jack of All Trades" of 1960 who at a minute's notice is willing to pinch hit for anybody has been assisting Sgt. Shoup for the past few weeks and we expect Co. "B" to run as smoothly in the future as it has in the past.

Some of the boys were thinking of buying our Sgt. a new whistle, others are thinking of making the new one do a disappearing act—we won't commit ourselves in print as to which faction we hope wins.

We don't envy Sgt. Welty the job as day CQ—he gets blamed for all restrictions and receives no praise for anything.

Tec. 5 Schwartzberg who has been out of the Orderly Room for the last two weeks is still being queried about furloughs, passes, etc.

What Sgt. is looking for a secluded nook for his afternoon siesta period since being rudely awakened by what 1st Lt.?

Christmas Cheer for all the patients en route to hospitals near their home is one function just now for SCU 1960. Each car has been attractively decorated, with a Christmas Tree, light decorations and all. Even a phonograph with a full set of the latest records, including Christmas carol selections.

On the post an elaborate Christmas dinner will be provided for all those not on train duty. We are proud of our "mess" even on regular days but on Christmas—well, we're

(See Column 4)

MAJOR DAY, LETTERMAN LONGTERMER, LEAVES FOR FOREIGN FIELDS



Major FRANK R. DAY, P.C.
Who loses the distinction of being the officer with the longest continuous tour at Letterman. He reported 14 June 1939 and left this week for his new station—somewhere "over there."

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house no one was stirring not even the traditional mouse. Sitting back in a chair in the living room was a man wearing a frown. He had a problem; something for which he would like to find an answer or solution. Could even be the $64 question—what makes adjutants that way?

It all happened because Major Frank R. Day received orders which directed him to report at his new station not later than 25 December—and 25 December is Christmas Day even for the Democrats. Some adjutant had thought that up.

The major has been around Letterman for a long time. He has the longest continuous tour among the officers on duty at the present time. It was back in June 1939 when he reported and was assigned as personnel adjutant. He shared the common fate of the MAC officers of those days; he had about a dozen different jobs and he always had to pause and remember in just what capacity he was acting at any given time. He came here as a first lieutenant, and as he advanced in grade to captain and major, he also acquired something of a more or less permanent one desk assignment; Post Adjutant.

The major is a Regular and received his commission in the Medical Administrative Corps fourteen years ago. He has made it a habit of settling down when he joined a command. He had four years in Hawaii, five and a half years at Fort Riley, two years at Carlisle Barracks and five and a half years at Letterman, and if he adheres to that tradition he will probably turn native before finishing at his next station.

With his departure we at Letterman will have the added task of looking up the files every time we want information on some past event. Major Day used to carry all that in his head and had a ready answer for any query.

With Major Day, as he goes away, we send a fond aloha.

Dante News

The holiday spirit was in full bloom at Dante Annex the past week. The Detachment started the ball rolling with a perfect attendance score at their rollicking Christmas party in the Annex Day Room, Thursday night December 21. The entertainment headlined by Cpl. Hugh Ashley and several members of his Letterman orchestra, Lew Emmel as Master of Ceremonies, and the lovely feminine trio of Marcella Wellington, Lowel Winton and Jackie Kay was a terrific success. Following the entertainment, refreshments (both liquid and solid) were served.

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In keeping with the Christmas spirit and not to be out-done by the Detachment, the nurses of the Annex spent a very enjoyable "evening at home" with their friends last Friday evening, December 22nd.

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Tech. 4th Gr. Armond R. Marino, from his starting position at forward accounted for a good share of the points scored by the Letterman basketball team in their three victorious starts thus far in the Presidio League.

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Interesting to see was Pfc. Pedro Jimenez thoroughly beating the Assistant Detachment Commander at a game of pool.

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Congratulations are in order for Captain and Mrs. Alvin J. Ingram on the arrival of an 8 pound 5 ounce baby girl, born December 16, 1944.

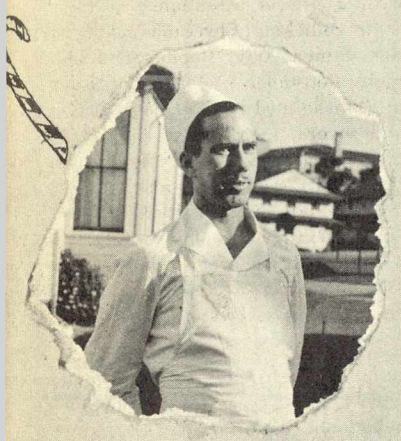
MORE ABOUT 1960

not talking, but you won't find us kicking.

This last week, fifty of us were treated to a free show at the Curran Theater to see Zasu Pitts in her play, "Ramshackle Inn." Sunday we have been invited for Christmas Eve dinner and dance at the exclusive "Residence Club" on Nob Hill. Girls, food, dance—well, we like the idea, that's all.

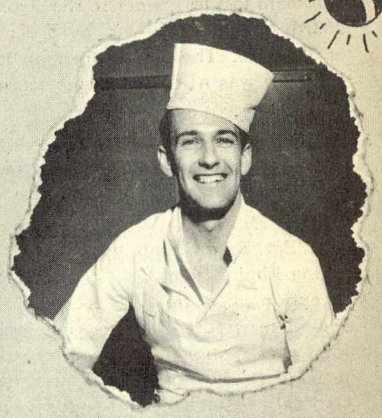
Enough for this time, but SCU 1960 is on hum—at least we like it here and you may expect bigger and better things to come as time goes on. In closing, we would like to say just one more thing! C.O.'s are sometimes just a C.O. but we all feel that in our C.O., Major Nelson, we have a man—**with his boys**—and you know, that helps.

THE MEN WHO HELP TO MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS HERE



HOWARD DOVER





DON SMITH

MENU

Seafood Cocktail *Cheese Crackers*

Roast Turkey, Gravy

Sage Dressing *Cranberry Sauce*

Snowflake Potatoes

Buttered Green Peas

Radishes *Celery Curls* *Mixed Pickles*

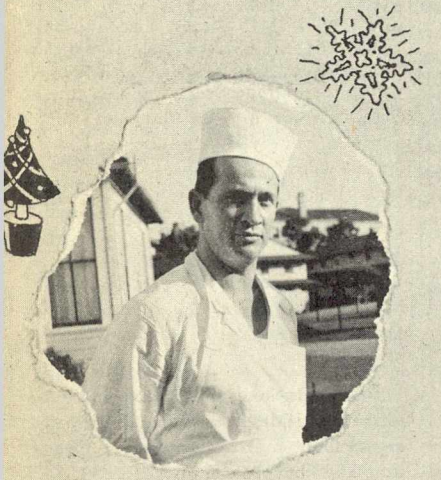
Hot Rolls *Butter*

Fruit Cake *Nuts* *Ice Cream*

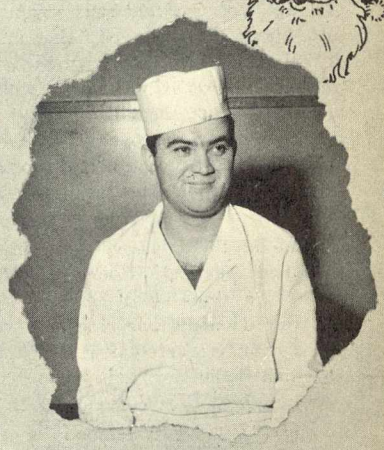
Candy *Fruit*

Cigarettes

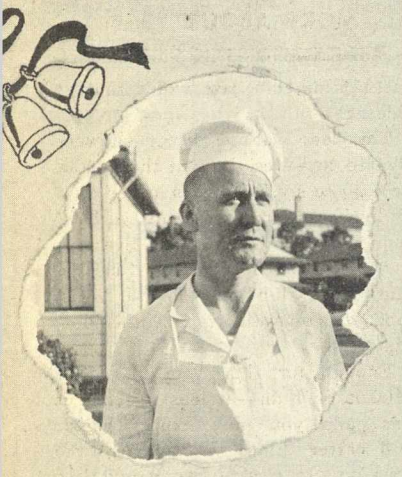
Coffee *Cider* *Milk*



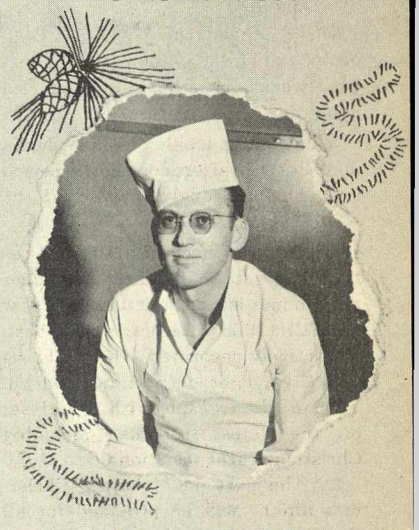
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NOEL

The good old English greeting "Merry Christmas" will be the standard salutation over the week end. Whether or not one has been introduced formally it is still permissible to say "Merry Christmas" and not offend against proper conduct. It is always in order to exchange good wishes.

For the men who have recently come back from "over there" it will be memorable Christmas, and the citizens of this community have left nothing undone to bring that about. San Francisco enjoys a world-wide reputation for hospitality and the welcome extended to our returning veterans is in keeping with the good name of this city. The people have put aside all personal demands on their time and purses and the result is that this will be just about the best Christmas we have ever had at Letterman.

If anyone ever entertained the thought that our fighting men have been forgotten by the folks on the home front he would soon banish that notion with a visit here this Christmastide. The donors are for the most part reluctant to disclose their identity when sending in gifts. They ask for no written acknowledgment and are content with the satisfaction arising from a good deed.

Everyone has sent us their greetings in tangible form and may we in turn express our deep appreciation to all who have had our patients in mind at this season.

Merry Christmas—and may God bless us everyone.



Clipped from the Sunday 'Chronicle.'

Second **Lieutenant Erna Seegelken,** graduate of St. Francis Hospital of San Francisco, is in charge of an orthopedic and surgical ward at the 159th General Hospital, it was learned yesterday.

Lieut. Seegelken entered the Army in 1941 and served for two and a half years at Letterman.

Though Santa Claus generally doesn't make a call in the early evening—an exception will be made tonight when the nurses will fling open the doors of their recreation center for the friends they will invite to their Eggnog Party. Reports from the Chief Nurse's Office say there will be a Christmas tree and Santa may pay a call.

1st Lieutenants **Mary M. Carey** and **Greta Vander Valk** reluctantly returned to duty early this week after five days leave. Both nurses had a marvelous time in the 'Winter Wonderland' of Yosemite, playing in the snow and participating in every form of snow sport they could.

Well and fully recovered are 1st Lieutenant **Mary L. Jasken** and 2nd Lieutenant **Alice C. Attebery,** who returned to duty after a period of hospitalization at Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park.

Also returned to duty after a period of convalescence at the Army Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, is 2nd Lieutenant **Viola Mayer.**

1st Lieut. **Florence L. Marshall** and 2nd Lieut. **Charlotte M. Ward** seem to be getting in a good deal of traveling of late, since they have been temporarily assigned to the 1960th Train Unit. No sooner do they return from one trip—then they are off on another.

After her two week leave, 2nd Lieutenant **Bertha L. Semlak** returned to duty this week—still in a daze from her whirlwind trip to and from Chicago.

Notes from the 82nd: Lieut. **Vera Middleton** has returned to the U. S., has been discharged from active duty, and is now infanticipating in Washington, D. C. **Agnes Doyle** is reported to be about to commit matrimony with a Medical Officer—name unlearned, but said to be a very charming man.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Miss **Lillian McCarthy,** substituting for Gloria Stockhausen, airing out the Transportation Office. Some of the pinochle played there could have made that necessary.

Lieut. **William R. Moody** getting into the wrong place—and backing out very hurriedly. The sign was correct.

Major **Joseph S. McGuinness** getting a hair cut and all the current rumors at the same time in the local barber shop.

Mrs. **Peggy Foster** telling Uncle "Pat" all about her man going to far off places soon

A flashy solitaire on the proper finger of the left hand of Lieut. **Edythe Hawthorne.** Nice Christmas present.

The new stevedore in the main store of the P.X.—**Betsy Lefevers,** and how she can handle that hand truck.

Lieut. **Betty Funston,** our good neighbor across the fence, now wearing silver bars in place of gold. Congratulations.

Captain **Norman Cantley** getting accustomed to his new office on the site of old K-2.

Mrs. **Ruth Miller Calden** bringing **Carol Ann** in for a view of the scene of the former labors of mother and daddy.

MORE ABOUT YULETIDE SPIRIT

(Continued From Page 1)

and the recreation center. It is expected the artists will make the first appearance and the show will go on until supper time.

Groups of Carolers will sing on the wards on Christmas eve and the cadet nurses will present a program of carols at 0500 on Christmas morning.

Everyone is working to make this Christmas memorable for the men who have come home in time to help celebrate the day.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, December 24, 1944
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
Christmas eve services, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, December 25th—
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
In the Post Theater:
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Obituary

FABIAN L. PRATT

Colonel Fabian L. Pratt, 56, Medical Corps, U. S. Army, air surgeon of the Fourth Air Force, died Monday, following a heart attack suffered while on duty in his office at 49 Fourth Street, San Francisco.

A 1911 graduate of Vanderbilt University, he was commissioned in the Medical Corps during World War I and served in France, Italy and England. Commissioned in the regular Army in 1920, he attended the first school for flight surgeons at Mitchell Field, N. Y.

After tours of duty within and without the continental United States, he served as commandant of the School of Air medicine at Randolph Field, Texas, from 1939 to 1941 and has been surgeon of the Fourth Air Force since February, 1943.

A brother, Brig. Gen. Don Pratt, was killed in action leading a paratrooper unit in the June invasion of France. Colonel Pratt is survived by his widow.

FRANK STEINER

Colonel Frank Steiner, Pharmacy Corps, U. S. Army, Executive Officer, at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., died there suddenly on 8 December as the result of a heart attack.

Colonel Steiner until recently had been Executive to the Port Surgeon, San Francisco Port of Embarkation. The colonel enlisted in the Medical Dept. in 1906, was commissioned in 1918 and served continuously until his death. He was promoted to Colonel in June of this year.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



ROLF W. BRANDT
Pvt., Med. Dept.

'Our buck of this week' is Private Rolf W. Brandt, a real true American—and he was born in Lehe, a small town in North Prussia. As the private explains it when questioned on his birth in that country: "I really don't know anything about it, for we lived there from 1922 until 1927, then my family moved here to America when I was just five years old."

The way it happened—his father was a sea-faring man and on one of his voyages to the New World, visited a relative who lived here and told Mr. Brandt of the wonderful opportunities in this great country. So Mr. Brandt sent for his wife and family and established their home in New York City. After that there was Rolf's education to consider and he completed grammar school—high school. Immediately upon graduation from high school, our buck secured part-time work as a cabinet maker, thus paying for his tuition through Pratt Institute, where he took a course in commercial designing. He had just completed two years of his study when he received greetings from Uncle Sam, inviting Rolf to become a soldier nephew.

On February 22, 1943, he was inducted into the Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Then there followed a period of basic training and eight weeks of technical drafting training at Camp Lee, Virginia. Came next a series of changes—Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania; Fort George Meade, Maryland, and finally Fort Lewis, Washington, where he received reassignment into the medical corps. After completing his basic medical training he was sent to Barnes General Hospital and from there came to Letterman to work in the Orthopedic shop here.

With a name like Brandt—though not prefixed with 'REM'—a brush and some paint should fit nicely into the picture, and does.

Japs Who Wouldn't Stay Dead Harassed Pacific Fighters

This is the 2d in a series of 3 articles on combat experiences of American soldiers who fought in Kwajalein and the Palau Islands. They are based on stories first printed in the Army paper *Midpacifican*.

By Camp Newspaper Service

Lessons learned in combat exert great influence on training doctrine. The reception and evaluation of information concerning battle experiences is the job of G-3, the operations and training division of the General Staff.

Some of the reactions of individual soldiers to the fighting on Kwajalein and the Palau Islands are given below. The problem under consideration is the destruction of Jap pill-boxes.

Sgt Paul K. Barry, assistant rifle squad leader reports: "The enemy pill-boxes and bunkers on Kwajalein Island were often connected by tunnels, which made it extremely hazardous to go inside a knocked-out emplacement to check it for enemy soldiers.

"The enemy would crawl into the tunnel while the bunker was being blown up, and then come out into the bunker again when things quieted down. It is better to burn them out and then cover up the opening."

From S/Sgt George H. Kolbe, rifle squad leader: "Our first night on the island was one of many experiences. We had all dug in and made preparations to spend the night. Just as it got dark, we had a pretty good scare. A bunker was located in the center of our area, out of which ran about 6 Japs. During the day, that particular bunker was grenaded quite a few times. In fact our outfit had dropped 8 grenades into it.

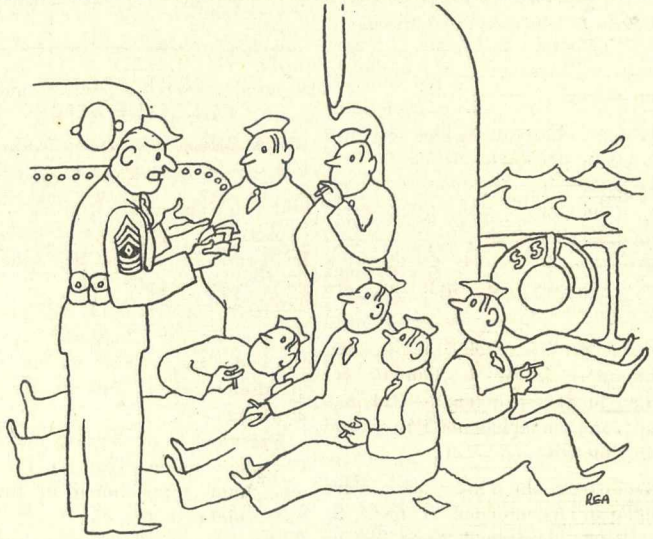
"The only way you can make sure of those bunkers is to burn them or blow them sky high. The Japs can take a lot of punishment and are harder than hell to kill. A bunker that is leveled with the ground is the only good bunker."

S/Sgt Arthur Savaloja, rifle squad leader, has the floor: "We found an interesting use for the smoke grenade on the afternoon of Feb 4.

"The engineers who worked with our squad on a large bunker were having quite a time. They had thrown a satchel charge inside the bunker, waited, and nothing happened. They tried another with the same result.

"We knew live Japs were inside and that gave one of the engineers an idea. He threw a smoke grenade into the bunker first, then, when the interior was full of smoke, another satchel charge was tossed inside and a huge explosion followed. The engineer had figured that the Japs were finding the satchel charges and pulling the fuses until they were blinded by the smoke of the grenade."

Sgt Myles Champion, assistant squad leader: "In this particular case, we were advancing behind the 2d battalion when we stopped near a pill-box. Assuming everything was already cleared out by the front line troops, we failed to take cover and bunched up like bananas on a stalk. About the time we decided to do some checking up, the Japs beat us to the draw by appearing just out of the entrance to the pill-box and firing a few shots at a very surprised bunch of dogfaces. Mr Sanjo could have made it bad for us had be been more of a marksman and had we been lacking several fast-thinking men."



"As your First Sergeant, I am happy to answer your questions about Class E Allotments—but as an old crap-shooter, I am cutting my own throat."

ON THE SPOT



Private First Class
JAMES STONE,
Infantry

While in battle, Pfc James Stone, a lithe, stalwart lad with a ready smile, was a company messenger. It was his job to carry combat orders from the company command post to the rifle platoon leaders on the front lines and these missions were accomplished, he said, under incessant sniper and machinegun fire. And because he doesn't boast of his accomplishments we select the private for "On the Spot" this week.

Despite its mechanization, its monstrous weapons, its robot bombs and its super-tanks, modern war often sees primeval combat between men separated from each other by only a few feet. And it was that way on Saipan last July 7th when frantic Japanese soldiers launched their ill-fated "banzai" counterattack against positions held by Doughboys of the 27th Infantry Division. With a .45 caliber pistol, his regular weapon, a carbine, having been shot out of his hand, Private Stone killed an even dozen Japanese that day.

"Some of them got as close as three feet, and they came at us with rifles, grenades, even knives," Private Stone said. "We called that Jap counterattack the 'sake' raid, because they fought as though they were wildly drunk."

"I just couldn't tell how many narrow escapes I had that day. I became so accustomed to rifle bullets whizzing by my head that I paid no attention to them. Every man fought like a wildcat, and even the wounded kept fighting after they were hit." Private Stone survived the raid unharmed, but was wounded during mopping up operations August 1st when a Japanese sniper shot him through the left hand.

Private Stone has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge, earned by exemplary conduct in ground action against the enemy.

MEDICAL DETACH

A hearty welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week: M/Sgt. Fred L. Shoup, S/Sgt. Jacob E. Bott, Tech. 4th Gr. Rudolph A. Dahlin, Privates Donald W. Harvey, Charles E. Rogers, Clarence W. Cramer, Earle J. Brincefield, Albert E. McKolauson, Gerald Thomas and Millard J. Tomlin.

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Furloughs are still the order of the day and the following men left to spend the holidays at home: Sgt. Eugene F. Ryback, Cpl. Roy W. Zeren, Pvt. Thomas L. Gates and Pvt. Andrew J. Williamson—each with 23 days; T/4th Gr. Dan Sackash and Cpl. Robert V. Prichard, with 21 days; Cpl. Leo J. Lee, T/5th Gr. Robert B. Glidden and Pvt. Raino M. Kaunisto, each with 19 days. Pvt. Sal Lomeli, and Privates Jack L. Lair, Crispin F. Lopez all received 17 days; T/4th Gr. Arthur F. Gliem, and Pvts. Delbert C. Grossman, Theodore R. Otterstetter and Robert B. George—each got 15 days.

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Interesting to See:

Sgt. Lou D. Slott disposing of his motorized menace. All it cost him was various and sundry gray hairs. (Unpredictable brakes, you know.)

Sgt. Edward Blythin playing the horses for the first time and finding out that there isn't a 'sure thing.'

Tech. 5th Gr. John Barsocchini, tile teeth tycoon of the Dental Clinic, conning a frozen face as a very pretty WAVE floats by. (His last brush with the Navy must have impressed him greatly, he didn't even attempt to whistle.)

Sgt. Phillip 'Pat' Passarelli beginning to look more like the 'man about town' with his new mustache.

Pfc. Ladd Kafflen making a serious bid for the title of most "naive man(?) on the Post." He actually believes the rumors he hears.

Pvt. Benjamin Weitz working in the detachment office now and beginning to lose weight due to his daily trips to the Administration Building.

Surprise of the week — T/Sgt. Joseph Jones on duty at 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

A ROSE IS A ROSE IS A ROSE IS A ROSE EVEN IN A UNIFORM



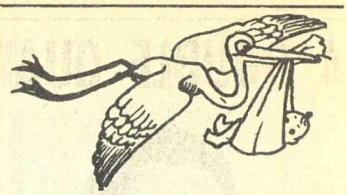
Miss ROSE COHEN
Medical Social Service Staff

Even Miss Stein, whose repetitions have amused and annoyed for years, would have to agree that in this particular case the sentence that has made her famous is really applicable. Miss Rose Cohen came to Letterman last February and has been not only a hard worker for the patients of the hospital, but a decorative and unfailingly cheerful wearer of the Red Cross uniform ever since.

In case you subscribe to the old adage that brains and beauty do not come in the same package, we want to call your attention to our pert brown-eyed, black-haired Rose and give you a little list of her intellectual attainments. Miss Cohen graduated from the University of Chicago, taking her Bachelors Degree in psychology and following that did her graduate studies in psychiatric social work at the same school. She was president of the Social Service Administrators Club. Her graduate work was done on a scholarship. Before coming to Letterman she was personnel manager for a large Chicago manufacturing company and worked at the Army Air Force Station Hospital in Chicago as a psychiatric social aide in the closed mental wards. Letterman was her first assignment after she joined the Red Cross. A paper she has written during her time at Letterman on the Red Cross services to patients is shortly to be published.

Miss Cohen, who hails from Chicago, has two brothers in the Army and a sister who does child welfare work. She feels that one of the golden opportunities of her work is the chance to talk to men recently returned from all the different battle fronts and acquire a really broad and accurate picture of just what is going on. And as far as the patients are concerned, they feel that one of their golden opportunities is just to talk to Miss Cohen.

Almost every time a patient comes to the conclusion to enlist his name among the gentlemen who prefer blondes, if our Rose happens along about that time, wham!!! goes the conclusion.



To Captain and Mrs. **Alvin J. Ingram** a daughter, Catherine Davis; born 16 December! weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. **George N. Poche** a son, George Herbert, Jr.; born 11 December; weight 8 pounds 11 ounces.

To Tech. Sergeant and Mrs. **Max C. De Camp** a son, Dennis Max; born 17 December; weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. **Robert N. Bare** a son, Ronald Maylon; born 15 December; weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. **Maurice R. Brengan** a daughter, Catherine Jeanette; born 14 December; weight 8 pounds 15 ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. **James G. Ronan** a daughter, Charlene Roberta; born 14 December; weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. **Verne S. Morse** a daughter, Susan Adair; born December 12; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. **William I. Lucas** a son, William Irwin, born 15 December; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. **Vincent E. Lawford** a son, Charles Dudley; born 11 December; weight 9 pounds.

To Corporal and Mrs. **Forest O. Butler** a daughter, Belinda Lee; born 12 December; weight 6 pounds 10 ounces.

To Private First Class and Mrs. **James A. Kittell** a son, James Michael; born 14 December; weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

Wedding Bells

Lieut. Edythe Hawthorne, ANC., and Captain James R. Myers, US Army, retired, were united in matrimony on Thursday, 21 December, at Madison, Wisconsin. Miss Billie Boyle was the attendant for the bride while Mr. Richard Myers, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Lieut. Hawthorne was formerly a member of the Letterman staff and is at present with the Hospital Train Unit. Captain Myers served with the Army Air Forces and was retired for wounds received in action while on duty in Italy last year.

A DOUBLE QUARTETTE HAPPY TO BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



Tech. Sergeant
ROBERT W. FEHRENBACHER

Was wounded twice in action and narrowly escaped death several other times while in combat with the 41st Infantry Division in New Guinea and on Biak Island. The sergeant wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, and returned to the United States recently after 30 months overseas. He is 25, and a native of Troutdale, Oregon.



Staff Sergeant
HERMAN ZIMMERMAN

Just returned from Saipan, where he was wounded in action while serving with the 27th Infantry Division. The support given by his mortar section played an important role in the isolation and extermination of a pocket of Japs on the island's southern peninsula, a mission assigned to his battalion. Sergeant Zimmerman wears the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Purple Heart, token of his combat wound. He is 26, and hails from Hayden Lake, Idaho.



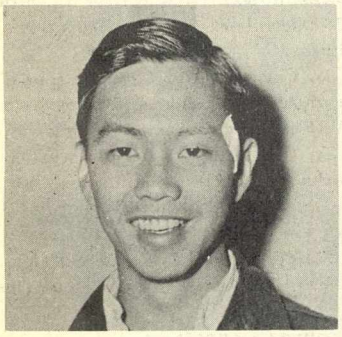
Private
ARTHUR C. BLUSCHKE

The 31-year-old native of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, who fought on the Palau Islands with the 81st Infantry Division, was wounded by mortar shell fragments in the battle for Peleliu's famed "Bloody Nose Ridge." The private has been awarded the Purple Heart and patiently awaits his return to his wife and family who reside in Wisconsin.



Private
CHARLES E. GILKEY

Who, after he was wounded by rifle fire and grenade fragments, "played dead" on a jungle trail near Aitape and killed four unwary Japanese. The youthful soldier has been awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds received while in action with the 32nd Infantry Division. A native of Portland, Oregon, the private is 19 years old and returned to the United States recently for further treatment and hospitalization.



Private BING O. CHIN

Is a 20-year-old Chinese-American Infantryman of San Francisco, who fought with the 27th Infantry Division on Saipan and was wounded by Japanese mortar shell fragments, but he estimates that he killed at least 15 Japs. Private Chin won the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, as well as the Purple Heart. He was flown home from the combat area recently, for further hospitalization.



Private First Class
ELMER NIMTZ

A veteran who fought in the New Georgia and Bougainville campaigns with the 37th Infantry Division. And his company won the Distinguished Unit Badge for their action in the Battle of Hill 700, on Bougainville. Private Nimtz has been returned to the United States after 29 months overseas, for further treatment of an illness he acquired during jungle combat. He is a native of Belividere, Illinois, and looks forward to a transfer to the hospital nearest his home.



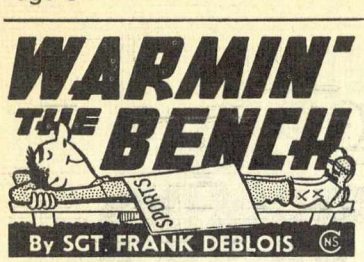
Private First Class
LEVI M. WILLIAMS

Who was wounded by Japanese machinegun bullets on Bloody Nose Ridge, Peleliu Island, last September 28, has been returned recently to the United States. In an interview at Letterman, Williams told how a "machine-gunner's dream" came true for him when he poured 2,000 rounds of ammunition into an enemy column while in action with the 81st Infantry Division. The private is 24 years old and hails from Salt Lake City, Utah.



Staff Sergeant
EDWARD J. JESKE

A 31-year-old native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was returned to the United States recently after being wounded in action while serving with the 77th Infantry Division during battles on Guam. However, he feels revenged on the Jap who wounded him with a hand grenade, for thirty dead Japs were counted in the area—after the action in which he was hit.



Gunder Hagg, Swedish runner and suit salesman, has been ordered for induction into the Swedish Army, but he has asked for a deferment in order to sell out his tie stock at the Stockholm haberdashery where he is employed. . . . Hank Gowdy, first big leaguer to enlist in the last war and until recently a major in this one, will return to his coaching duties for the Cincinnati Reds next Spring. His return may mean curtains for Hans Lobert, yamnosed veteran of 20 years of baseball warfare, who has drawn his unconditional release from the Reds. . . . The death in action of Lt Louis Zamperini, former Olympics runner, in the South Pacific, recalls Zamperini's baptism of fame. It happened in 1936 when the young track star swiped a Nazi flag at the Olympic games in Berlin. He was allowed to keep the flag after much muttering when Adolf Hitler became convinced it was merely a boyish prank. . . . Jacob's Beach reaction to the conviction of Joe Gould, ex-manager of Jim Braddock, on a bribe rap, was: "He shouldn't of done it during the war!" . . . Two catchers, Al Lopez, Pittsburgh, and Rick Ferrell, Washington, are gunning for Gabby Hartnett's all time record of games caught. Tomato-faced Gabby caught 1793 in 20 years. Lopez has caught 1714 in 15 years and Ferrell 1686 in 16. . . . Lt Mitchell Paige, Marine wearer of the Medal of Honor, pitched against the Japs when he was stationed in China in 1939. "They were fast and good bunters," he recalls, "and although they hated like hell to lose, they were always bending over backwards with diplomacy." . . . Paige's experience recalls that of Lefty O'Doul, once great Dodger swatter, who clubbed Jap pitchers all over the lot during major league exhibition games in Japan in 1932. Lefty's slugging made him a national hero to the Japs. They followed him around in the streets, aped his walk and even his Kelly Green suit, and when he left for the U.S.A., they gave him an 8-foot bat. "I'd like to use it on them now," says Lefty. . . . CCNY has just concluded an amazing football season, in reverse. The City College 11 scored no points, to 303 for the opposition. . . . But geev a good substantial yell for Eli Yale. This year's Bulldog was the first undefeated Yale team since 1924.

New Haven, Conn. (CNS) — Youngest student at Yale this year is Merrill Wolf, who has entered the famed university as a sophomore at the age of 12.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For week of Dec. 24 to Jan. 2

SUNDAY—				
Feature Movie	Army W.M.C.A.	1400	S-1	
St. Monica's Children's and Adult Choir Program	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall	
Polytechnic H. S. Glee Club caroling on wards	ARC	1830	Wards	
Pacifica girls—15—caroling on wards	ARC	1830	Wards & S-1	
Presidio YMCA program and caroling on wards, Army WMCA	ARC	1900	Wards	
Christmas Party, Army YMCA	ARC	1900	S-1	
MONDAY—				
Cadet Nurses caroling outside wards	ARC	0500	Wards	
Annie Louise David and Christmas harp program also Mr. Wols portrait sketcher	ARC	1400	Wards S-1	
Movie	ARC	1400	S-2	
Christmas Ward Program Featuring Special Artists from San Francisco	SSO	1400	Wards	
Special Christmas Show—Variety—Featuring outstanding talent	SSO	1430	Rec. Hall	
Movies	Army Y.M.C.A.	1800	S-1	
Christmas Party—Girl Hostesses	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall	
10 lovely Harmonettes will visit wards in evening	Army Y.M.C.A.	1900	Wards	
Christmas movie	ARC	1900	S-1	
TUESDAY—				
A.F.E.C. Variety Show—Local Radio and Club talent	SSO	1400	Wards	
WEDNESDAY—				
Roosevelt Junio High School Swing Band and Chorus	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall	
THURSDAY—				
FRIDAY—				
A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	S-1	
New Years Party—Girls—Refreshments—Games	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall	
SATURDAY—				
SUNDAY—				
Galileo High School Swing Band and Musical Program	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall	
Dante Night Club Party	SSO	1830	Solarium	
MONDAY—				
Open House—Girl Hostesses—Refreshments	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall	
Color Movie Feature	SSO	1900	Rec. Hall	

Christmas records have been secured and will be used at scheduled times in the evenings on the wards.

Christmas morning 9:00—Gray Ladies distributing packages on wards.

News From Home

Brooklyn (CNS) — The latest meat market specials in Brooklyn are buffalo steak (good but gamy) and saute of squid a la Villa Penza (looks like rubber bands in an inkwell.)

Charlotte, N.C. (CNS)—Frowning on jive, Charlotte's Recreation Commissioners have offered free square-dance lessons to this city's younger set.

Chicago (CNS)—Warning that divorces in Chicago may soon outnumber marriages, Judge John Sbarbaro has appointed a committee to draw up a plan for a "marriage commission" here. The appointments were made when clergymen became alarmed at the increased divorce rates.

Des Moines (CNS)—The housing shortage is so acute here that Gov-elect Blue can't even find a house in Des Moines. Gov Blue is living out of town.

Granite, Col (CNS)—Bill Lane got mad when he couldn't start his truck. So he built a fire under it—and blew up the garage.

Kansas City (CNS) — A city slicker proposed to Nellie Wells, 17, borrowed $120 from her and deserted her in a beauty parlor where she was having her hair set for the wedding.

Little Valley, N.Y. (CNS)—Mr and Mrs Willie McCall have asked permission to change their family name to Hakeem, their first names from Willie to Muhemmed and from Alice to Aeyshaaz, and their children's names to Ali, Jamela, Wahaabey, Zayneb and Arfedah. The reason: The McCalls have embraced the Moslem faith which requires them to choose religious names from the Koran.

Middle Hadam, Conn (CNS)—Donald A. Laird, local philosopher, has a sure-fire, two-part formula for popularity. "If you want to be well-liked," he advises, "don't criticize your friends and don't borrow their garden tools."

New York (CNS)—Hotel Manager Larry Seible stopped his chef, Frank Ugo, as he was leavthe restaurant. "Are you putting on a little weight, old man?" inquired Seible, slapping his employe on the back. A ham dropped from the chef's overcoat. Further investigation disclosed that Ugo was carrying a dozen eggs, some pork chops, a chicken, a pound of coffee, several pounds of butter, and a half dozen oranges. "I was just taking some stuff home to my family," he explained to police.

Philadelphia (CNS)—Parishioners of a local church turned out in a happy throng for the ceremonial burning of the mortgage. An hour later firemen arrived. The mortgage was burning all right. But so was the church.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Letterman Honored By Yuletide Visit Of Helen Keller

Throughout its history Letterman has had many brilliant and distinguished visitors, but none more famous and utterly charming than Miss Helen Keller.

On the 21st of December, Miss Keller, accompanied by her companion and secretary, Miss Polly Thompson, who has been her constant companion for the past thirty years, arrived at Letterman and made a tour of the wards, visiting with the non-ambulatory patients. The two visitors lunched with the patients in the hospital mess before going on to the recreation hall to address the ambulatory patients and tell them, in a powerfully morale-building speech, how Miss Keller worked to overcome the terrific handicap of being blind, deaf and mute since her early childhood. Her cheerfulness, sweetness and enthusiasm were as much a proof that she has made a full life for herself as were her words. Every syllable uttered by Miss Keller has had to be learned by laboriously acquiring the knowledge of the exact position of the tongue, lips and movement of the epiglotex in the making of each sound, for she has never heard her own voice.

Later in the day, she addressed a meeting of the professional staff of the hospital, where she again demonstrated her remarkable achievements. In spite of the fact that everyone has read for years about Miss Keller, no one can fail to be impressed by actually seeing how much she has done to turn her dark and silent world into an almost normal one by her own courage and perseverence. The visitors dined at the hospital at the officer patients' mess, as guests of General Charles C. Hillman, accompanied by several of the staff officers.

The visit to Letterman and other Bay Area hospitals was part of a tour which started last February which has taken Miss Keller and her companion to military hospitals all through the country. Letterman has never had more welcome and inspiring visitors, and we look forward eagerly to another visit from them sometime in the future.



THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Receives Miss Helen Keller, nationally known personality, in his office on the occasion of her visit to Letterman.

This Christmas Was Truly A Merry One At Letterman

A Christmas Day that brought into Letterman an all time high on admissions for one day turned out to be the most memorable for the newcomers and the old timers around here.

As the patients came in by bus and ambulance they were greeted by the staff with the wishes of the day and the general jubilation began right there. The men were glad to be home again and the Letterman staff thought it a privilege to forego the ordinary celebration of Christmas to stay on the job and make the patients feel right at home.

When the processing was completed each of the patients received a gift, and our Gray Ladies were present in numbers large enough to complete the task of distributing the gifts in all the wards. Individuals and organizations and groups of San Franciscans had been so generous with their donations that even those who arrived after Christmas day were still provided with gifts.

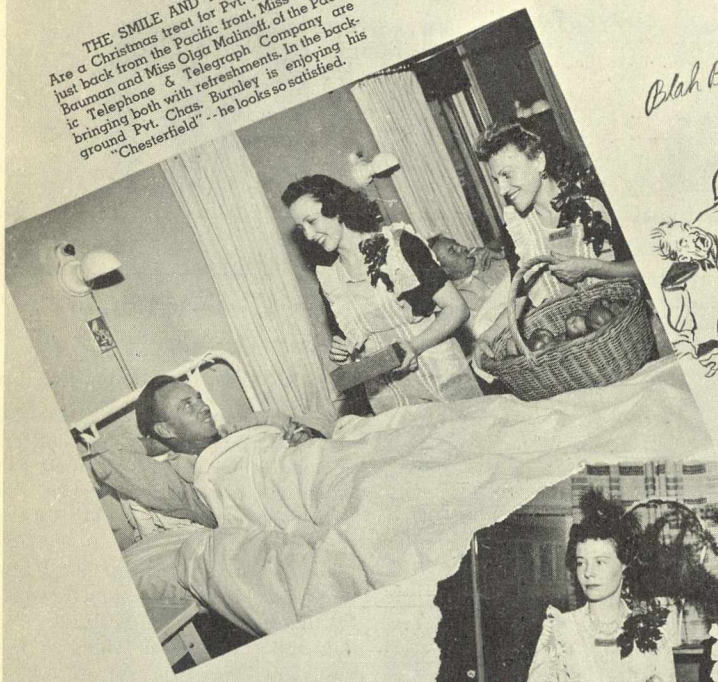
The surprise package for each patient was a small packet furnished by the readers of the Hearst newspapers in the Bay Area and presented to Letterman patients through the co-operation of the San Francisco "Examiner" and "Call Bulletin." An imitation bill fold containing a crisp five dollar bill was in every packet and no one missed the roll call when the distribution began.

Two bands and ten acts of entertainment were provided by the California Jockey Club, through Mr. Kyne, and Mr. Cohen, who were out in person to extend greetings to the

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TELEPHONE COMPANY PITCHES PARTY FOR PATIENTS

THE SMILE AND THE VOICE
Are a Christmas treat for Pvt. Dutro Keena, just back from the Pacific front. Miss Dolores Bauman and Miss Olga Malinoff, of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company are bringing both with refreshments. In the background Pvt. Chas. Burnley is enjoying his "Chesterfield" -- he looks so satisfied.





SINGING AND CIDER
Evoke good cheer. Miss Olga Malinoff leads the carollers with organ accompaniment.









EASY ON EYES AN.
Are Margaret Clark, Mary Damon, and Dolores Bauman as they "give" with ancient airs of Noel. The organist is helping too but she was mentioned above.



NOT CENTRAL SERVICE
Even if Lieut. Whytoshek landed in the center of the picture. You are still at the Telephone Center Party and Dainty Dolores is doing all right with the potion. Men get thirsty waiting for long distance calls -- and it was Christmas, too.





PHONE GIRLS ALL BRUNETTES
But Letterman furnished its own blonde Dorothy L. Pluid just for contrast. No prize for spotting her in photo but we had to get your eyes off the delightful Dolores. She's here again and will be welcome anytime. And that goes for all the nice people from T.P.T.&T. Co.



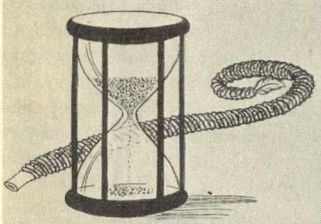


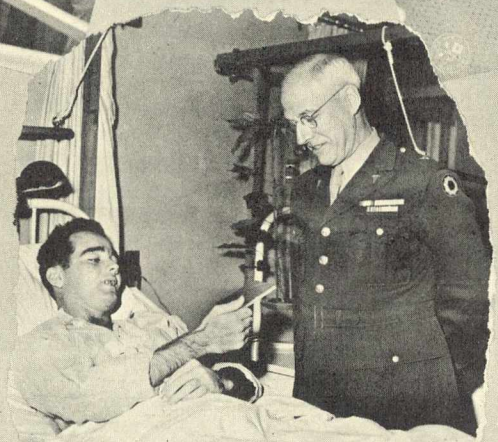
LINED UP FOR REGISTRATION
And very happy to be home again in time for Christmas dinner and all that Santa Claus has waiting for them.

THE GENERAL PASSES THE BUCKS
In this instance there are five bucks in the packet - - gift of readers of the Hearst newspapers in the Bay Area. Pfc. Thomas McDonald receives the first packet from General Hillman.



EYEING THE BIRDS
Are General and Mrs. Hillman, with Capt. Clayton, Mess Officer, in background, quoting statistics.





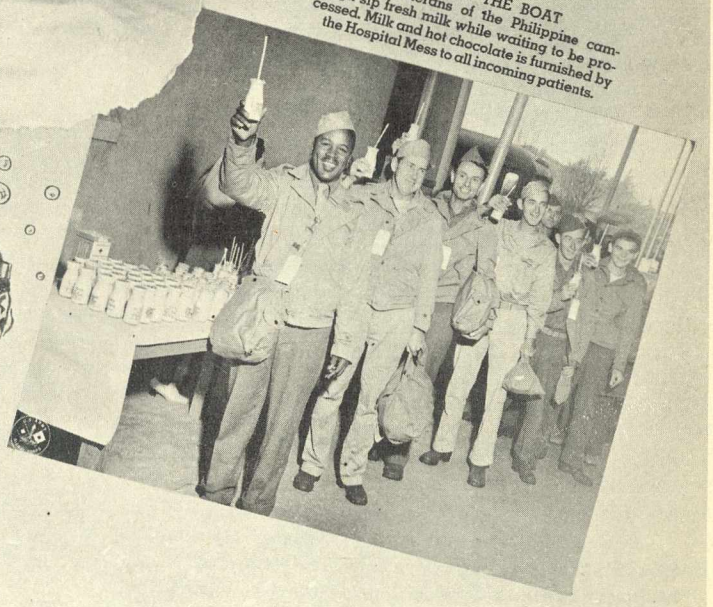


MISS HELEN KELLER
Handling a mess tray on the chow line with the GIs in the ambulant mess. Sgt. Jones did the honors for Miss Keller and Miss Polly Thompon, her secretary and companion.

RIGHT OFF THE BOAT
Returning veterans of the Philippine campaign sip fresh milk while waiting to be processed. Milk and hot chocolate is furnished by the Hospital Mess to all incoming patients.







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EDITORIAL

Resolutions

We were thinking about making some resolutions for the new year when the postman handed us a letter. It was written in Belgium, right where the fighting is thickest, by a nurse who was formerly with us. We quote:

"I am writing this in surgery as they are evacuating today and we just have a few cases coming in. It is impossible to write at the end of any day—we are too tired—and lantern light is not too good. These buzz bombs are terrible; they make so much noise. We have had some of the casualties come in, cut to pieces, women, children, and old men. It is a fearful sight. We are under fire most of the time. One of our nurses was killed and several wounded. Do hope they hurry up and get this war over with." Unquote.

Reading that is enough to make us all unite in one big resolution. Each of us to do his utmost for the war effort. To forget personal comfort and convenience. To make some small sacrifice, financial or otherwise, as an expression of our appreciation for the big sacrifices our men and women are making on the battle fronts.

Only then will our conscience permit us to even think about a Happy New Year.

HNSCASF MEANS——:

Headquarters Ninth Service Command of the Army Service Forces.



It's possible that Santa paid Letterman an extra special visit this year, when after Christmas Day—four new names were added to the nursing staff roster. This week our hearty welcomes are extended to: 1st Lieutenants **Irene Frey** and **Fannie S. Matson.** And also to 2nd Lieutenants **Marion D. Elliott** and **Rebecca M. Amend.** All four nurses are recent arrivals from overseas and Lieut. Elliott has had prior duty here. Lovely Christmas gifts.

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Interesting to see would be 1st Lieut. **Elizabeth Foster** washing the floor of the cast room one bleak rainy day.

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Highlight of the nurses social calendar this week is the invitation to all nurses to attend the General's reception and New Year party.

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From the cadet nurses boss' office comes word that four cadets will have completed the prescribed training course here, and will return to their respective hospitals for graduation. Those leaving are: Misses **Violet Picatti, Charlotte D. Hunter, Nadine M. Foster** and **Ruth G. Ballard.**

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1st Lieut. **Dorothy B. Conner** is filled with that holiday spirit while her mother and father are visiting her.

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Leaving the train unit very soon for the sunny southland of California are 2nd Lieutenants **Eloise Patterson** and **Mabel Slater.**

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Wanted: One piece of linoleum for "Henry," to add to the comfort of his passengers on rainy days when water seems to seep through the floorboards. Response to the aforementioned notice should be made to Henry's boss lady — 1st Lieut. Lillian Girarde of the 1960th.

Here is the answer to this week's "Whats' My Name?" quiz which you'll find on page seven of this week's FOG HORN.

Lt. General Omar Bradley.

THE OBSERVER SAW

T/3rd Gr. **James R. Lewis,** the Chief Baker, playing a very important part in the preparations for the excellent Christmas dinner enjoyed by our patients on Monday.

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Master **Jerry McClintic** carrying his own sprig of mistletoe and using it to advantage on more than one occasion.

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Major **Charles M. Taylor** more than ably assisted by his better half in the distribution of the Examiner gifts on the surgical side. It was only later that some of the patients noticed the major.

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The beautiful "shiner" received by Master **"Chuck" McCuskey** as an unintended present on Christmas morning.

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The brand new hatchet received by Staff Sgt. **Dan Brock** when Santa stopped at his quarters. Chop Chop now has a new meaning.

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Mr. **H. A. (Pop) Loomis** playing host to hundreds of patients at the "Y" on Christmas Day. Most popular man in the community.

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The "Examiner" five spots looming up very large in the attractions offered by Letterman to the returning patients on Santa Claus Day.

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Lieut. **William C. Murphy** maintaining that his remaining good eye is just as good as the two displayed by some of his conferees.

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Happy New Year too.

MORE ABOUT CHRISTMAS AT LETTERMAN

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returning veterans of Saipan, Leyte, and Guam. The program was given in the YMCA auditorium and played to a packed house.

General Hillman began his rounds early in the day and extended his war Christmas wishes to the patients all over the hospital. He personified the spirit of Letterman.

All in all, it was truly a Merry Christmas here.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, December 31, 1944

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

If You Think Our Draft Boards Are Tough—Read This

NEW YORK—When a fat, unimpressive Nazi crawled out from behind a beer barrel in a saloon in Metz and surrendered to a group of GIs, he was just another Kraut officer to the men who took him.

He turned out to be Maj. Gen. Anton Dunckern, police president of Metz and Gestapo commander for Alsace-Lorraine. He was the first big Gestapo man we've taken; ranking close to Himmler and one of the prize catches of the war, according to Sgt. Saul Levitt, YANK staff correspondent.

Dunckern had been a key man in a key situation. He had been given the tough job of organizing the defense of Metz and from the very beginning, Dunckern never varied from SOP for Nazi police commanders in the movies. In fact, his system of organizing labor in the defense of Metz might have been lifted right out of a Hollywood script about the Gestapo.

Discarding all known methods for inducting men, Dunckern devised a new system for rallying Krauts to the colors that was as simple as it was tricky.

What Dunckern did was to open the movies, closed for some time. Naturally, everybody flocked to them. Halfway through the show the lights went on. One of Dunckern's men stepped onto the stage, told all the men to sit on one side of the theatre, and the women on the other. Then the men were marched out to the huge Bayern barracks. It was the fastest induction on record.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



ANDREW G. PETERS
Private, Med. Detach.

From the hill country of Tennessee comes Private Andrew G. Peters, our selection for 'buck of this week.' The private was born in Elizabethon in February of 1919 and remained in this vicinity to receive all of his education. When he was eighteen years old he decided to venture West to see, just exactly what this great country had to offer an ambitious young man who was willing to work. Peters made a little progress for himself working on one of the ranches in La Grande, and he liked this country so well—he decided to settle there. However, farm life became very dull for Andy when the wild, wooly lure of the forest beckoned—and so he secured work with a logging camp. Finding it difficult to really advance himself—he decided to try another field of work and this time secured a job with the Union Pacific Railroad Company as a maintenance man. This seemed to be more to his liking—for when notification came from his draft board to join the Army, the private was a little resentful of the interruption, but none-the-less, happy to be in the service of his country.

Peters was inducted at Fort Lewis on June 13, 1942, and was sent to Fort Reilly, Kansas, for his basic training. There followed a period of travelling hither and yon on the east coast before embarkation for overseas. Destination 'over there' was Africa, where he served with an Aviation Engineer Unit. He remained there for a year before moving on to Italy. The stay in Italy was 10 months and then Peters was transferred to the Homeland under the rotation plan.

"I really didn't do anything worth mentioning," mutters Andy, and yet he wears service ribbons with two bronze stars—designating his participation in two major battles.

Here's How the Folks Back Home Are Living Under Rent Control

by Camp Newspaper Service

More than 15,000,000 residential units in the United States, in areas where 88,000,000 persons, or better than 2/3 of the country's total population live, are under Federal Rent Control.

As a result, the nation's tenants have been saved more than $2,000,000,000 since June 1942, Office of Price Administration officials estimate.

Rent control — need for which was demonstrated by our experiences in World War I, when rentals skyrocketed, working hardship on the families and dependents of servicemen and others whose income was not increased by the war — is acknowledgedly one of the most successful of the government's attempts to combat inflation.

It has ben particularly effective in areas surrounding military camps or posts.

To the overwhelming majority of landlords who have co-operated patriotically, OPA officials say, most of the credit for that success should go. Administration and enforcement of rent control regulations has required the full-time services of about 4000 Federal employees—not a large number in view of the scope of the program — but they would be hamstrung without the co-operation of the landlords.

Prosecutions — penalties may include a $5000 fine and a 1 year prison sentence, or both, with triple damages for overcharges—have been "minor" OPA officials say, although a large mid-western hotel was nailed to the tune of $75,000. In disputed cases, landlords have been proved right a greater percentage of the time than tenants, with 52% of petitions from landlords to area rent offices for adjustments granted, compared with 31% for tenants.

As of Dec 1 1944, 413 areas in the country were under rent control. They ranged in size from New York City—the largest—to Ludowici, Ga., (pop 4000), 13 miles from Camp Stewart, the smallest. Because each section has individual problems, they are broken up into areas for efficient administration.

Here's how rent control works: Take, for example, the city of Louisville, Ky., adjacent to Fort Knox. Early in 1942, with the expansion of war plants and of the military establishment at Fort Knox, rents in Louisville started to go up.

The OPA quietly conducted a survey to determine what percentage of rents had increased and how much. When this information showed the need for rent control, they designated the Louisville sector a defense rental area and fixed a maximum rent date—in this case July 1 1941. That meant that, in general, tenants were not to pay any more rent for a given house or apartment than was paid for the accommodation on July 1 1941.

The information was widely publicized and tenants automatically reduced their rental payments for the following month to the amount paid for July 1941.

There were certain exceptions to correct injustices, of course. Thus, if a landlord had added a room or a new heating system or had done anything to the property which the law considered a "major capital improvement," he could increase the rental within limits fixed by OPA.

Take another example, Colorado Springs, Col., population, 1940 Census, 37,000, adjacent to Camp Carson and an Army airfield. The OPA's survey showed that from January 1942 to August 1942, average rentals (including those which did not increase) were up 5.3%. Rent control was established Oct 1 1942. Rentals dropped immediately, until, by September 1943, they were up only 1%.

Rent control not only kept rents down, but provisions governing evictions were strictly enforced. These provisions are pretty detailed and technical, but, in general, landlords were prohibited from evicting tenants EXCEPT under certain circumstances, some of which are:

Failure to pay rent;—Creating a Public Nuisance; — Using the premises for immoral purposes;—Because of the landlord's decision to occupy the premises himself.

In connection with the last reason, the OPA ran into a racket known as the "fake sale," in which the landlord charged rents which were way out of line on the pretex that the payments were being used, in part, as down payments on purchase of the property. The "sale price" usually was far more than the property would bring in the open market.

OPA fixed that one by requiring the new owner, (a) to give the tenant 3 months to find other accommodations and (b) to make a down payment of at least 20% on the sale price of the property.

Not only houses and apartments, but tourist homes, roadside cabins, boarding houses, hotels—in fact any place which offers living accommodations for hire—are under rent control.

1500 MILITARY POSTS, NOW ACTIVE IN U. S.

There are at present 1500 posts, camps and installations or their components functioning throughout the nation.

SOMERVELL SAYS: THE ARMY SERVICE FORCES IS THE IRON LINK BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL AMERICA AND HER FIGHTING MEN."

ON THE SPOT



JACK WILLIAMS
P.F.C., Infantry

Veteran of two campaigns and survivor of many brushes with death which all front-line Infantrymen experience—Private First Class Jack Williams—is selected for "On The Spot" this week.

With his first action coming in the landing at Rendova, a year later the private was a seasoned fighting man and killing his share of Nips in the Aitape operations.

While relating some of his combat experiences, Pvt. Williams said, "We made the beachhead at Rendova and went in under the bombing and strafing of Japanese planes. As we pushed inland from the beach, a regiment of Nips tried to throw our battalion back into the sea. My buddy was killed the first day and I very quickly learned to hate Japs. And our battalion commander, Lieut. Col. Ross, even after he was wounded twice insisted on retaining command of the battalion and wouldn't be evacuated until the beachhead was secure."

On Munda the private said he went into one of the most arduous periods of his combat career.—"We remained in the front lines for 36 days without relief fighting at close range — smashing their 'banzai' charges — advancing — patrolling — and getting very little rest. I mowed down quite a few Nips with my automatic rifle."

Twice Pvt. Williams was nicked by mortar shell fragments—wounds he does not have the Purple Heart for because he did not bother to report it. However, he wears the Combat Infantryman Badge—which he earned by exemplary conduct in action against the enemy—the decoration which means as much to him as any medal a soldier can earn.

MEDICAL DETACH

A hearty welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: T/Sgt. Harry Walls, S/Sgt. George Zardeneta, S/Sgt. Robert F. Brothers, S/Sgt. Carlos G. Mondragon, S/Sgt. Fred M. Smith, Sgt. Tommy GooGoo, T/4th Gr. Louis W. Linesky, Cpl. Donald C. Remick, Cpl. Hartwell P. Milling, Cpl. Benny V. Mathis, T/5th Gr. John E. Schwab, T/5th Gr. Lawrence F. Herzer, T/5th Gr. Henry E. Barasch, T/5th Gr. Herbert J. Freedman, T/5th Gr. Eugene H. Kelly, T/5th Gr. Melvin E. Schleuter, T/5th Gr. Finas O. Musick, Pfc. John F. Davis, and Privates Wilbur Covington, W. S. Miller, Norman E. Jaenecke, Anthony F. Pawloski, Thomas C. Hooks, Elmo Roberts, Burke H. Gorman, Raymond R. Aros, William A. LeCoure, John H. Quiles, Arthur K. Bullock, Russell E. Maw, George F. Dorn. Also to Privates Robert D. Holmquist, Edward F. Flores, Phillip L. Hadd, Bradley T. Hart, Dewayne Francis, Henry G. Korolevich, Sidney L. Porter, Raymond B. Lopez, Ray D. Deaton, Paul E. Courtney, Frederick W. Kriel, William C. Seitz, Donald C. Barker, Andrew Peters, Hyman Kraus, George Ebner, Lester H. Nicklas, Leo J. Marcinousky, Clinton H. Hill, Donald H. Vander Baan, Abel Pina, Alva E. Adams, Cecil A. Eli, William F. Harmon, Harry Grosspietsch, Cecil L. Miller, Steve Makropoulos, Matha A. Smith, William E. Norris, Arthur L. Colson, Leo Pels, Arthur A. Nevenkirschen, James A. Seeba, James G. Metropulos.

Interesting to See:

The lack of complaints from the detachment men after eating their Christmas dinner.

Cpl. Warren Altman decorating a tree in ward "2" with gifts that a wardboy dreams about.

Pvt. Richard L. Harrison getting out a slide rule and surveying instruments to figure out the easiest method of getting his size '13' klodhoppers into the size '8' slippers which he found in his ARC gift box.

The newly acquired peace and quiet at the Dental Prosthetic branch since John Barsocchini went on furlough.

Cpl. Hugh Ashley our nomination for the busiest man on the Post during the Christmas holidays.

LIEUT. IRENE FREY FROM C.B.I., JOINS THE LETTERMAN STAFF



1st Lieut. IRENE FREY, ANC
Just back from Burma

When the stork broke the serenity of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, a few years ago by leaving an infant girl at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frey, the admiring neighbors did not include in their predictions for her a 51 hour flight from Karachi to Miami but Lieut. Irene Frey included that in her accomplishments.

Of course, a little time has passed since the call of the long legged bird, and the young lady went to school and completed a course in nursing, and made it a career for several years before the war clouds darkened the southern skies of Texas. She was doing private duty in Kilgore when the urge to see military service was not overcome.

Acting on the patriotic impulse Lieut. Frey enrolled in the Army Nurse Corps, Regular Army, in January 1940 and was assigned to Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., for her first station and she stayed there for the next two years. In March 1942 she received orders for India and spent 52 days on board ship in convoy making the voyage from a southern port in the United States.

The unit was the first American hospital to arrive at Karachi, and like all other "firsts" anywhere in the world, it had a lot of pioneering to do. Starting from nothing, and nothing means nothing in this instance, the medical personnel organized a general hospital and were ready for the first patients when they made an unannounced appearance a day or two later.

Lieut. Frey served in India for 32 months and managed to get in a brief stay at a rest camp and a visit to Bombay on recreational leave of absence. She was ordered back to the mainland in keeping with the rotation policy and after a 21 day leave she asked for assignment to Letterman. She has many memories of her service in the C-B-I theatre of operations but for sheer contrast she likes to muse on that 52 day ocean voyage and then recall the 51 hours by plane on the return trip.

Do we have to admit she prefers the plane as a mode of travel? But we hope she will not travel for a long time again. The folks here at Letterman already consider her an asset.

1960

Citations and awards were presented at a formal ceremony Saturday 23 December 1944 for the following men:

Pvt. Oswell K. Baker: Bronze Campaign Star for participation in the Italian (Rome to Arno) Campaign.

Pfc. Francisco I. Espinoza: Presidential Citation for participation with the First Marine Division against Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavatu, Tanambogo, Florida and Guadalcanal, and British Solomon Islands, while serving with Americal Division.

It seems that the boys from SCU 1960 are still talking about the wonderful Christmas dinner they had in the Detachment. The men responsible for this are:

Sgt. Jessy Eckford, Sgt. Ray Burougs, Sgt. Horace Vine, T/5 Dale Harder, T/5 Ralph Thorne, Pfc. Charles Wright, Pvt. Earl Olson, Pvt. Kenneth Swope.

These men worked under the supervision of Capt. John Cox, our new Mess Officer, and Lt. Alfred Rosenzweig. Man—what a feast!!

Basketball

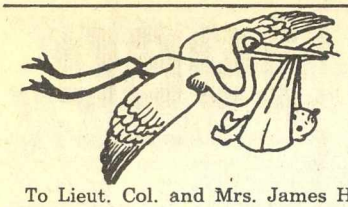
SCU 1960 is playing a game with the 749th M.P.'s next Friday night, 29 December 1944. Sgt. Sullivan, coach and manager, is doing a fine job in spite of the fact that most of his men are on the Hospital Trains. We wish him good luck in the next game.

Pvt. Arthur McKay was just married. We wish him and his new wife "the besta of the mosta."

Pfc. Doc Birdsong is now Confidential Secretary to the Chief Nurse. They say the reason Doc took the job is because the place is steam heated.

T/5 Schwartzberg, formerly a Camp Adair man, is the only man from New York who declines to take a trip to New York because he likes California so well.

Even though the boys don't look as well as Betty Grable in their new sweaters—but after all, how cold can a guy get.—Thanks to the Red Cross!



To Lieut. Col. and Mrs. James H. Farren a son, Paul Theodore, born 18 December; weight 6 pounds 4 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. Charles A. Robbins a son, Charles Arthur, born 19 December 1944; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Wilford H. Hudson a son, Michael Bradbury born 22 December; weight 6 pounds 4 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. James L. Wallace a son, James Leland born 18 December; weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Jack W. Hylton a son, Richard Ray, born 18 December; weight 6 pounds 4 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Robert E. Thomas a daughter, Victoria Lee, born 18 December; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. William John Hunter a son, William John III, born 21 December; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. John H. Trodden a son, John, born 23 December; weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph H. Ament a daughter, Kathie Jo, born 18 December; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Albert N. Slay a daughter, Carole Noel, born 23 December; weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Herbert M. Crawford a daughter, Sandra Beth, born 21 December; weight 9 pounds 8 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ridley N. Hayes a daughter, Shirley Kathleen, born 22 December; weight 8 pounds.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Ray Zuidema a son, Raymond Thomas, born 23 December; weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Edwin H. Andre a son, Charles Edwin, born 21 December; weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Francis H. Nerney a son, Steven Francis, born 19 December; weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To Private First Class and Mrs. William Sheehan a daughter, Greta Anne, born 20 December; weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. William E. McRandle a son, William Edward, born 23 December; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

NEW LETTERMAN PROVOST MARSHAL IS WELL KNOWN NATIVE SON



Captain BENJAMIN J. KINGWELL, MAC

In civil life every time the administration changes the community looks for a new chief of police to be appointed, but in this man's army a provost marshal—the military chief of police—may be changed at any old time and for any reason. The new chief is not expected to announce through the papers his intention to suppress vice and burglary as a gainful avocation. In fact, he makes no announcements, but merely checks the fund and property and takes over.

Letterman has a new provost marshal this week but he is not new around here by any means. The office has been conferred on Captain Benjamin J. Kingwell and if any officer has been around here longer than he it must be Captain Clayton. But we do not intend to digress on to mess matters; the new chief will probably run into enough for himself.

Captain Kingwell is a native of Sebastopol in the Russian River region, and accomplished his schooling in his home town, then over to Santa Rosa for J. C. and to the University of California for his degree in Pharmacy. He topped that with a master's degree obtained after post graduate work at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

The captain joined Letterman by enlisting on 15 October 1940 and has been with us ever since. He was commissioned in the reserve corps on 12 July 41, and ordered to active duty in the grade of second lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, on 22 September 41, and assigned to the Technicians Schools. He was the Director of the School of Pharmacy for two years, and when the school ceased as an active unit he was named the detachment commander and adjutant. When the schools closed this month he was ordered to Letterman for station.

One advantage which a good provost marshal should have is the ability to speak the language of the locality in which he is serving. As a native son, Captain Kingwell is ideally suited for his new job. He is well liked by his fellow officers and the men with whom he served and we look for a good job to emanate from his office.

What's My Name?

Here is another in the series of "What's My Name?" quizzes which appear every week in the pages of the FOG HORN.

Here's how the contest works. You'll be given four biographical clues each designed to tip you off as to the identity of the famous person whose name you'll guess.

The correct answer on your first clue gives you a score of 100% and you win the label of "erudite." On the second clue the right answer gives you 75% and you're classed as "brilliant." On the third clue you receive 50% and the title of "intelligent." On the last clue the correct answer gives you 25% and you're just "average."

When you're sure you know the right answer turn to page four.

CLUE NO. 1

I was born on February 12, 1893 in Clark, Missouri, a little hamlet 55 miles from John Pershing's birth place. My father was a jovial underpaid school teacher who died of pneumonia at the age of 41 when I was just 13 years old. I went to West Point with the class of 1915 . . . the same class that turned out Generals Eisenhower, McNarney, Ryder and Stratemyer . . . What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 2

I graduated 44th in a class of 164 (Eisenhower was 61st). Late in 1916, after serving a tour of duty along the Mexican Border, I married my high school classmate, Mary Elisabeth Quayle, and we have one child, a daughter. Through World War I, I saw no service outside the United States and I won the temporary promotion of major. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 3

After the war I predicted that there would be another in 20 years and I started getting ready for it. In 1929 my work at Ft. Benning caught the eye of able young George Catlett Marshall and 12 years later General Marshall chose me to convert the fort from peace time to mass production of officers. Later I trained the 82nd and 28th divisions for combat and when things were not going so well I was sent to Tunisia in February 1943. What's My Name?

CLUE NO. 4

I'm known as the "Doughboys General" and the "Mystery Man." I'm now a Lt. General and in charge of all the American ground forces in the European invasion. What's My Name?

News From Home

Brooklyn (CNS) — Cecil King, a merchant seaman, dropped into a barber shop for a going-over. He got more than he bargained for, he told police, when the barber gave him a haircut, shave, shampoo and massage — then konked him with a lead pipe and robbed him of $400.

Boston (CNS)—After buying a new girdle, a local lady chucked her old one into an ash can. Later she recalled she had hidden $450 in jewelry in the seams of the veteran garment. Police are still searching for it.

Chicago (CNS)—Firemen fighting a North Side fire were puzzled when they saw folding money floating around in the cellar. One fireman gathered a hatful of bills totaling $540, found it belonged to the owner of the house, who had hidden it in the cellar when he was drafted.

Grand Island, N.Y. (CNS)—Unable to get enough oil to heat his house, Albert Shelby went into the back yard and started drilling for natural gas. Now he has enough for all the neighbors.

New York (CNS)—Oscar, the musical alligator of the Central Park Zoo, is dead. He used to roar in response to some rhythms, refuse to reply to others, and hiss violently at jive.

New Orleans (CNS) — Irked when he found the till empty, a stickup man set fire to a pressing shop here, then told the clerk he was Santa Claus. "And Santa Claus is giving you a vacation," he added. fleeing.

Toledo, Ohio (CNS)—Seeking a divorce, a local resident has complained that whenever he asked his wife for a second cup of coffee she would pour it on his head, instead of into his cup.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (CNS) — Scott McLean, 33, technical director of the experimental theater at Vassar College here, was arrested the other day while wearing feminine attire, including beige stockings and open-toed pumps. "It was just a gag," he explained.

Portland, Ore (CNS) — A stranger walked into a railroad depot and bought a box of cigarets. On the cover was a picture of Lillian Russell and the tax stamp was dated March 1, 1900.

San Francisco (CNS) — Irked when a customer demanded an olive in his dry martini, Bartender Apalanio Planco, 45, opened up on the man with a pistol. He then wounded two other customers and surrendered to police.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE — RED CROSS

For Week of Jan. 1 to Jan. 8

MONDAY—			
Color Feature Movie	SSO	1900	Rec. Hall
New Year's Open House	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—			
A.F.E.C. Variety Show Featuring Local Entertaining Artists	SSO	1400	Wards
WEDNESDAY—			
Truth or Consequences	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—			
A.F.E.C. Variety Musical Pragram	SSO	1400	Ward S-1
Make a Talking Record with Mr. Davis	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Holiday Inn Party—Femmes—Food	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—			
A Popcorn Party	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—			
A Spectacular Aquacade Show Featuring World Known Swimming Stars and a Compnay of 30 People. Wards Will be Visited Immediately After Exhibition.	YMCA	1415	YMCA Swimming Pool
MONDAY—			
World Series Baseball Pictures	YMCA	1400	YMCA Aud.
Accompanied by the World Famous Diamond Hero, Ty Cobb.		1530	Wards
		1800	Ward S-1
A.F.E.C. Variety Show Composed of Radio, Theatre and Club Talent of San Francisco	SSO	1900	Rec. Hall

POLLY CADET . . .



WARMIN' THE BENCH

SPORTS

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Jumping Joe Savoldi, the dish-nosed wrestler, was a great fullback on Knute Rockne's last team at Notre Dame, but he never was the most brilliant thinker in the game. Consequently when Joe's signal was called, Quarterback Frank Caredeo would just hand him the ball and let him rattle through the line with it. When someone else carried, Joe was often a liability.

Once Caredeo called for a particularly intricate play in the huddle. "What do I do on this one?" asked the puzzled Savoldi. "Nothing," said Frank. "Just keep out of my way."

Blue Plate Special

Two-ton Tony Galento, the cheerful little beerful from East Orange, N. J., has started another comeback in the ring. He recently flattened someone called Jack Suzek in the 3d round of a late bout on a smoker card in Wichita, Kan. Two-ton's last comeback came to a disagreeable end 2 years ago when an East Orange cop beat a tattoo on his head with a nightstick during a brawl in front of the Galento suds shop on Day street, East Orange. . . . "Fat Ernie" Roeber, 82, who wrestled in the '90s, died recently in his home in New York. His chief claim to fame was that he threw the Terrible Turk in the only wrestling match ever held at the Metropolitan Opera House.... Eighty percent of the "Death Dealers," a squadron of pilots of the 2d Marine Air Wing based in the Pacific, were active in 14 different types of sports before they went to war, according to a dispatch from Sgt Bill Goodrich, a Marine combat correspondent. Fifteen of the men were football and basketball players in both high school and college. . . . Don Whitmire, Navy tackle, and Les Horvath, Ohio State back and Heisman Trophy winner, were unanimous choices on 12 All-American football teams. Players named to this All-American "consensus" team are Phil Tinsley, Georgia Tech, and Jack Dugger, Ohio State, ends; Whitmire and John Ferraro, USC, tackles; Ben Chase, Navy, and Joe Stanowicz, Army, guards; Jack Travener, Indiana, center; and Horvath, Bob Jenkins, Navy, and Glenn Davis and Dock Blanchard, Army, backs.

New Orleans (CNS)—The banana famine has ended here. The tasty fruit is now coming into the port of New Orleans at the rate of 10,000,000 bunches a year, as compared with 8,000,000 bunches last year.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Evacuation Problem Under Discussion At Conference Here

A conference on the problems incidental to receiving and evacuation of patients took place at Letterman Hospital last week.

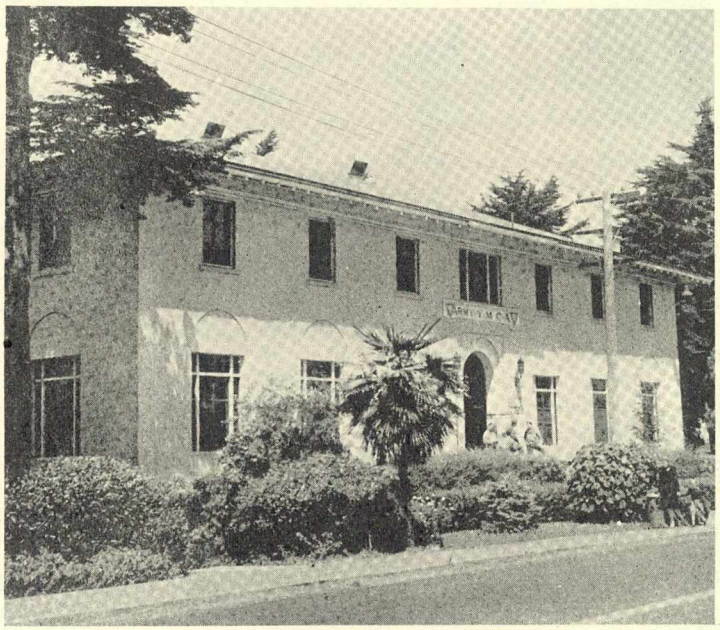
To meet with the conditions arising from the stepped up activities in the Pacific area, a conference was held at Letterman Hospital last week at which were discussed the problems incidental to the receiving and evacuation of patients from overseas theatres of war.

Leading the discussions was Colonel Luther R. Moore, M.C. Surgeon for the Ninth Service Command, and in attendance from Headquarters Ninth Service Command were Colonel J. J. Hastings, T. C., Lieut. Colonel Alvin Sessions, T. C., and Mr. W. H. Schroeder, Executive Assistant to the Control Officer.

Representing Letterman at the conference were Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, Commanding General, Col. Harvey F. Hendrickson, Chief of the Receiving and Evacuation Section, Colonel Brown S. McClintic, Executive Officer, Col. William D. Herbert, Registrar, Col. Ross Paull, Chief of the Medical Service, Col. Russel H. Patterson, Chief of the Surgical Service, and Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft, Adjutant.

Others in attendance were Colonel Alvin C. Miller, Commanding Officer, Birmingham General Hospital, Colonel Arthur Gaines, Commanding Officer, Madigan General Hospital, Colonel H. H. Galliett, Commanding Officer, Presidio of San Francisco, and Major Algot R. Nelson, Commanding Officer, Hospital Train Unit, SCU 1960.

The proceedings of the conference have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, together with recommendations for the proposed methods to be instituted in connection with the receiving and evacuation of patients from overseas.



PRESIDIO ARMY YMCA
Now open to the patients at Letterman and thereby doubling the recreation facilities available to our returning overseas veterans.

Telephone Company Adds to Service Here

A telephone call home to let his wife or mother know he is safe is one of the first things a soldier thinks of when he arrives at the hospital. However, on occasion a patient may not have the money at the time with which to pay for calls.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has announced arrangements so that patients in Army and Naval hospitals, who do not have the money, may make later payment, according to Lyle M. Brown, division manager. "If there are long distance telephone calls the men at Letterman wish to make, but are unable to pay for at the time," said Mr. Brown, "our Telephone Attendants in the Telephone Center will be glad to arrange for payments at a more convenient date. In wards having bedside telephone service similar arrangements can be made with our ward attendants, who can be recognized by their blue uniforms and Bell Telephone insignia.

This is just another service inspired by the interest which Mr. Lyle M. Brown has in the welfare of our patients.

Gen. & Mrs. Hillman Entertain at New Year's Eve Reception

Departing from tradition, the custom of paying the annual courtesy call on the commanding general was advanced one day when General and Mrs. Hillman tendered a reception to the officers and ladies of the command on New Year's eve.

The gathering was held in the Letterman Club and a pleasant feature of the afternoon was the presence of so many "old timers" who had formerly been on the Letterman staff and retain precious memories of their service here.

General and Mrs. Hillman received the callers on arrival and there was a general round of visits with one another; with the present members of the staff and those who had been here in other days. The Letterman band offered a program of musical selections and refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Among those retired and former officers invited were Brig. Gen. and Mrs. A. E. Truby, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Wallace De Witt, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Frank W. Weed, Col. and Mrs. C. W. McMillan, Col. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Col. and Mrs. George Ekwurzel, Col. and Mrs. C. F. Morse, Col. and Mrs. H. R. Beery, Col. and Mrs. Z. L. Henry, Col. and Mrs. F. P. Stone, Col. and Mrs. Robert Foster, Chaplain and Mrs. J. M. Webb, Major and Mrs. A. T. Gilhus, Dr. and Mrs. Roderic O'Conner, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Creel, Capt. Margaret Knierim, Lieut. Carrie Howard, and Lieut. Elizabeth Trueholtz.

PRESIDIO YMCA FACILITIES NOW AVAILABLE FOR PATIENTS

It has been said that time brings many changes and one recent change achieved by time with the co-operation of the Commanding General will meet with universal approval. The mythical Chinese wall that separated the Presidio YMCA from Letterman Hospital has been breached and through the hole may be observed a constant stream of patients walking over to take advantage of the recreational facilities available at the "Y."

Due to restriction as to space it was not possible to furnish the Letterman command with the recreational facilities planned for the newer general hospitals and we tried to get along on what we had together with what little we could add. The Recreation Center was taxed to more than capacity for every performance and it is no secret that the local fire chief has had his life shortened by worry over the possibility of a holocaust.

. Viewing the situation from across the street, Mr. Horace A. Loomis, Executive Secretary for the Army YMCA, called on General Hillman and offered the facilities of his organization, including that of the personnel on his staff, for the use and enjoyment of our patients. It was something that had never been done before—permitting patients to leave the limits of the hospital area in "reds"—but to General Hillman that was not an insurmountable objection, and he promptly and graciously accepted the offer of Mr. Loomis.

In the past ten days Letterman has been an unusually busy spot. One of our demon statisticians figured out that we had received more patients in the last ten days of 1944 than we did during the entire year of 1942. Which will make it clear that the use of the Presidio YMCA facilities by our patients is something really worth writing home about.

The Army branch of the YMCA, at the Presidio of San Francisco had its beginning in 1898 during the period of mobilization of troops for the Spanish-American war. This was operated as a branch of the San Francisco association and was carried out along the lines of that planned by the Christian Commission during the Civil war. Since then—and as a result of the San Francisco fire—the Army and Navy



Mr. HORACE A. LOOMIS
Executive Secretary

Department of the YMCA took over the Presidio operation upon request. The Presidio C. O. assigned the Branch the post gymnasium, and program really began to soar. Panama-Pacific authorities offered to sell the YMCA building it had operated during the exposition for one dollar, provided the structure could be moved. It was moved, with vigor and dispatch, to a fine piece of government land opposite Letterman Hospital, and for a good measure a basement-gymnasium was built. That's the nub and genesis of the Presidio Y as it stands today.

In this war period the building—augmented by a rear wing housing game rooms and a modern swimming pool—serves not only the Presidio proper but Letterman Hospital and all the Harbor defenses, which in the vital San Francisco area are indeed far-flung. The professional staff, although expanded from one secretary to four, still spends its days and many a night-time hour striving even sketchily to "cover" the substantial area assigned it. To be the only YMCA operating in and from a building on a military reservation in the West is an honor, likewise a responsibility that takes a lot of living up to. Building facilities tolerably adequate prior to the emergency are now often and acutely overtaxed, hence the necessity of reaching more and more to men at outlying points with entertainment and "extension" services. A literal army of volunteers recruited both from within and outside the reservation—an army of enormous loyalty and never-flagging conscientiousness—is the boon which sometimes makes the secretaries hope they're keeping halfway up with need, and buoys them no end.

The added burden has been assumed most cheerfully by the associates of Mr. Loomis and if the number of patients attending the "Y" during the past week could be taken as a criterion of popularity it is safe to say there is nothing to beat it anywhere in San Francisco.

The highlight of the entertainment — formal and informal — furnished by the YMCA since it became an adjunct to our facilities will be the "Aquacade" to be held in the pool on Sunday, 7 January, at 1415.

The program will be headed by Ann Curtis, national champion for 1944, with Marilyn "Sugar" Sahner, national champion 1941, Lorraine Fisher, former national breast stroke champion, and Marion Falconer Pontacz, far-western back stroke champion. The foremost women divers of the country, a trio well worth seeing, will perform as part of the show and they are Zoe Ann Olsen, Vickie Taylor Manalo, and Gloria Mae Woodin. A team of comedy divers — Patsy McPherson and Clyde Diaz—will give an exhibition of what is not the best form.

Other mermaids who will participate in the Aquacade are: Donna Maddock, junior backstroke champion (P. A.); Rose Kaufman, senior breast stroke champion (P.A.); Mary Corbett, junior free style champion (P.A.); Kathleen Corbett, sensational juvenile swim star; Connie Manalo and Marie Jorgensen; Elinor Olson, junior far western 100-yard free style champion; Sue Curtis, free style champion (P.A.).



MR. BELVIN F. VINCENT
Associate Executive Secretary

The Aquacade will be under the supervision of: Bob Brandlein, swim commissioner, P. A.; Chas. Sava, Coach Crystal Plunge swim team; Lyle Draves, Coach Athens Athletic Club; Curley Grieve, sports editor, San Francisco Examiner, and the Army YMCA-USO.

Following the program at the "Y," the thirty girls will make visits on the wards of Letterman and later will hit the chow line and be the guests of the Commanding General and the patients at the evening mess.

Not content with putting on a superdooper show on the 7th the "Y" comes right back with another collossal feature on the afternoon of the 8th. That will be Monday afternoon at 1415 when luminaries of the baseball world will take the stage.

The program will be under the direction of Mr. Curley Grieve, Sports Editor of the San Francisco "Examiner," and will present Raymond Tyrus Cobb, the "Ty" Cobb known to millions of baseball fans as the greatest player the game has produced, and Walter Mails, former big league pitching star, former Marine Sergeant, and still a great guy; Frank "Lefty" O'Doul, who won fame as the "Man in the Green Suit," but is also a big leaguer in everything. At present he is the manager of the San Francisco "Seals." Also Tony Lazzeri, ex-Yankee, Oscar Vitt, ex-Indian, and Clint Evans, baseball coach at the University of California.

Moving pictures of the 1944 World's Series games between the two St. Louis teams will be thrown on the screen, the following will be a Quiz Contest between two picked teams, with Manuel Duarte tossing the questions. Prizes will be autographed baseballs.

After the show at the "Y" the visitors will make rounds of the wards and donate mechanical baseball games for the amusement and entertainment of the patients who are confined to their beds.

Two great days at the "Y" will give our patients much to remember.

LUMINARIES OF SPORTS WORLD TO APPEAR AT ARMY YMCA



WALTER "THE GREAT" MAILS
Former big leaguer, former big Marine, and all time big hearted man. Now Master Sergeant with the California State Guard

ANN CURTIS
National Swimming Champion 1944 who will head delegation of "Aquacade" stars on ward visits at Letterman.

MARILYN "SUGAR" SAHNER
Who will help make the "Aquacade" a big time show.

TYRUS RAYMOND COBB
The greatest ball player of all time -- and no mean golfer to boot. He will be with us on 8 January.

COMFORTABLE LOUNGE
Of the Army YMCA at the Presidio now the favorite spot where our overseas patients find plenty of fun.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

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According to the "Army and Navy Register," a Washington publication, devoted to the interest of the services, the War Department has issued instructions governing the separation or discharge of military personnel who were prominent in civil life, such as nationally known athletes, stage, screen, and radio stars. To discharge a well known professional football player for physical disability when that individual is able to participate in professional games immediately after discharge, it is pointed out, is obviously inconsistent. Further, it is stated, the discharge of able bodied prominent figures to permit them to participate in activities not considered to be essential to the national health, safety and interest, can not be justified. While it is not intended to discriminate against any group in the matter of opportunity for discharge, cases involving the groups mentioned above, which might occasion criticism, will be referred to the War Department for final determination.

That statement of policy will go a long way to make our less prominent GIs feel they are not being penalized for lack of being in the spotlight. It will help the general public understand what has been inscrutable up to now.

And we may get some help in this war from our glamorous 4Fs.



A hearty welcome is extended to two newcomers who joined the nursing staff during the past week: 2nd Lieutenants **Lydia Tindell** and **Elsie L. Klinker.** Both nurses have just returned from a tour of duty overseas and come to LGH through the AGSF Redistribution Center in Miami Beach, Florida.

Also greetings and welcome to three cadet nurses who started their advanced training here this week. Two cadets come from Mary's Help Hospital — Misses **Mary Ann Casto** and **Ann Cecelia Yolo.** Miss **Betty Jane Waller** is St. Luke's Hospital's contribution to Letterman.

"A good time was had by all" at the farewell party given by the cadet nurses last night for the girls leaving the original 'pioneer' group who were first assigned here.

Refreshments were served and the Presidio band played for their dancing pleasure.

Word from former Lettermanite, Lieutenant Ruth Laumback in England who writes cheerfully of her assignment there. She tells of the frequent parties and social functions to which the nurses are invited and writes that everyone is very happy, but the weather has been extremely cold.

With the passing of the holiday season comes the undressing of the decorated trees. But seldom is it an occasion for hilarity and play—except in the nurses Recreation Hall, when Captains **May Hanawalt, Florence Woods** and Lieutenants **Margaret Giles** and **Mary Tyrrell** undraped the tree there. Their good clean-up job was rewarded by cups of steaming coffee and refreshments.

Lieut. **Kathleen E. O'Connor** writes from England to extend the greetings of the season to the Letterman Staff.

Lieut. **Ann B. Bakalar** cables news of her safe arrival on the "other side" and dated from the familiar "Sans Origine." Still wonder where that is.

Twenty-seven members of the Army Nurse Corps were placed on the retired list of the Army during the month of November. Those retired include one captain, six first lieutenants, and 20 second lieutenants. They are Capt. Mary A. Kenny; 1st Lieuts. Katherine Burns, Nettie H. Erdenberger, Edith J. Franceska P. Mason; and 2nd Lieuts. Suzanne D. Berkson, Eveline A. Campbell, Marjorie F. Clarke, Nellie M. Clayton, Barbara K. Coleman, Martha Davidson, Minnie L. Dozier, Jane S. Early, Elizabeth J. Farnsworth, Mary J. Isberg, Angela M. Kane, Ann M. Kundrat, Gertrude Larson, Elaine M. Le Boeuf, Margaret C. McWhirter, Josephine E. Mersenske, Erma E. Risinger, Celia G. Steele, Rose M. Strotman and Winifred S. Welker.

Of 1,083 Army nurses promoted to the next higher grade during the month of November, 84 were advanced to the relative rank of captain. The remaining promotions were all to first lieutenant.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Mrs. **Donna Cannon** back at her desk in the R. & E. Office, rested, recovered, and flashing that million dollar smile once more.

Lieut. **Alfred L. Taro** wondering why records have to be kept and in such volume.

Lt. Col. **Ray Allison** dropping in for a New Year's call on all and sundry and then taking in the Shrine game.

Lieut. **Maurice Bristow,** MAC, one time Lettermanite, and now at Hammer Field, returning to renew his discussions with Sgt. John Ryan, our genial postmaster.

Cpl. **Joe Lopez** demonstrating that it is possible for a man to travel in opposite directions at the same time. He has been doing it all week—and still retains his sanity.

The Post Adjutant enthroned in his new office, with a sweeping view of all passersby on the quadrangle.

The Finance Officer and his staff doing a grand job on the payment to patients during the holiday rush.

The medical officers, nurses, and corpsmen of 1960 getting deserved praise for the assistance rendered to the injured at the big train wreck near Ogden on Sunday morning.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 7, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Wedding Bells

Miss Gloria Rich, Field Director ARC at Letterman, was united in holy matrimony with Mr. Louis Hendricks, Field Director, Camp and Hospital Service, ARC., at Salt Lake City on 28 December 1944.

The best wishes of the command are extended to the newlyweds for a long and happy life.

Medal of Honor

The nation's highest military award—the Medal of Honor—has been awarded by the War Department to 68 officers and enlisted men for valor in the present war. It is given to military personnel for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life"—a deed which left undone would not subject the man to criticism.

Recommendations for the award must be approved by the War Department or an officer in the rank of brigadier general or higher. In addition, an eye-witness report must accompany the recommendation.

Invitation

The Womens Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances, which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, on Saturdays January 13 and 27 at 9:00 o'clock p.m.

Junior hostesses will be on hand to welcome anyone desiring to attend.

WW II PENSIONS FOR OVER 21,000 NEGROS

Receiving pensions from the Veterans' Administration for disability incurred in or aggravated by World War II service are more than 21,000 Negro veterans.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



RAY B. DEATON
Pvt., Medical Detach.

Honors for 'Buck of this Week' are bestowed upon Private Ray B. Deaton, a veteran of Attu—who calls California his home, not because of birth here but merely by adoption.

The private was born in a small town in Tennessee and at the age of two was trundled off to Monroe, Michigan, where the Deaton family decided to establish their home. It was here that Ray received his education and lived until the rumors of the sunny climes of California lured him westward and he settled in Corona, a hamlet in the southern section of the state. There he worked in a service station for a time and then decided to see more of the west coast via truck driving. He stayed with this line of work until it was suddenly brought to a halt, when Ray received Uncle Sam's notification that he was about to become a real soldier nephew.

Preliminaries were taken care of at Fort MacArthur, where after a period of basic training he volunteered and was assigned to a paratroop battalion. When he was just beginning with this outfit, Ray got an infection in his arm which necessitated his being hospitalized for a month. After that he could not rejoin his old unit, and was sent to Camp Butler, N. C., where he went into training with an anti-tank and infantry division. It was with this unit that he embarked for overseas in April of 1943—their ultimate destination—Attu.

After fifteen days of combat in the cold north, the private got a case of immersion foot. There followed hospitalization in Anchorage and subsequent evacuation to a hospital in the states. In June of the following year, fully recovered, he reported back to duty at Camp Adair, Oregon. On the 23rd of December of this year just passed he reported for duty here.

THE MARCH OF DIMES WILL PARADE AGAIN SO OTHERS MAY WALK AGAIN

Last year when the nation experienced the second worst epidemic of infantile paralysis in its history, many of those stricken were the wives, sons and daughters of U. S. servicemen. To the husband or father of these victims, the concern of the American people—through their National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its chapters all over the country—for the welfare of soldiers' dependents was needed assurance that the people at home were in the fight too.

Last August a seaman on his way to join his ship was called to Moline, Illinois, where his 12-year-old daughter lay stricken with the disease. About the same time, another Navy man arrived home in Jacksonville on emergency furlough when both his wife and 6-year-old son were added to the list of victims. In Fargo, North Dakota, the 6-months-old son of a U. S. Army sergeant serving overseas developed paralysis of the arms and legs. These few cases had their counterparts all over the country. And to all these victims, the National Foundation applied its policy of providing the best of nursing and medical care, regardless of age, race, creed or color.

Many dramatic cases unfolded, perhaps the most dramatic among them the stories of the Army wives who were stricken while pregnant. Such is the story of Mrs. Betty Loder who was admitted to the St. Francis hospital in Wichita, Kansas, after having been troubled with severe muscular pains and stiffness in back. Shortly after her arrival her case was diagnosed as polio.

The Sedgwick county chapter of Kansas, working through the Red Cross, soon had her husband flown to Wichita on a 10-day leave. This visit was a great stimulant to Mrs. Loder who had become more and more depressed as the paralysis spread through her arms and legs. With the aid of the Sedgwick county chapter, she was receiving the best of medical and nursing care.

On January 30, a son, Glen William, was born to her. He was born, as she said, on a day of great significance to all patients fighting the dread disease—the date of the President's birthday.

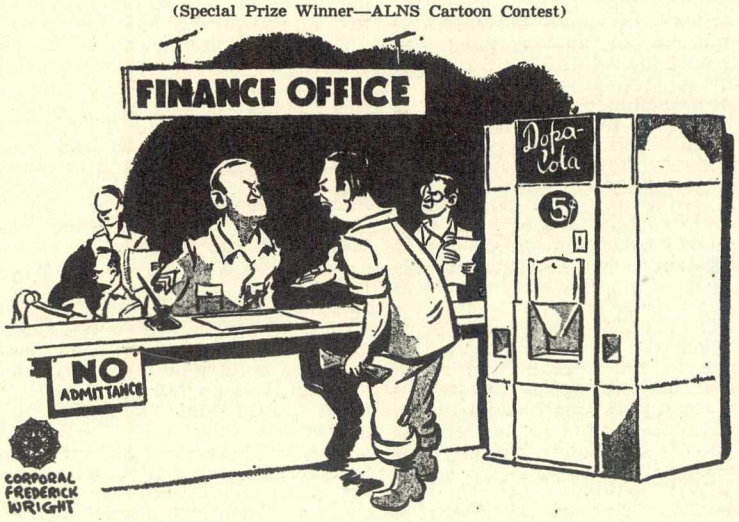
In June Mrs. Loder was able to leave the hospital in a wheelchair. She returned to the hospital at intervals for checkups. Today, she is winning her fight for recovery. Mrs. Loder can feed and dress her son, can cook and wash dishes and clothes, and can support her weight on her feet by placing her hands on the bed or table. She will soon have a collapsible wheel chair which will allow trips to the city in a car.

Recently Mrs. Loder received the news of her husband's death on a flight over Rumania. Arthur Loder will never see his young son. But Mrs. Loder, with the fortitude she has displayed all these long months, still thinks of those who are suffering from infantile paralysis and wants to do her share to help.

"I hope that all may be spared from this disease eventually through the work of the National Foundation," she said.

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(Special Prize Winner—ALNS Cartoon Contest)



"Waddya mean—ya can't change a dime!"

ON THE SPOT



GEORGE FINNEGAN
Sergeant, Infantry

Because of his unusual experience while in action against the enemy on Biak, an island just north of Dutch New Guinea, we select for feature of this column this week—Sergeant George Finnegan of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Back in the United States after a year overseas, the sergeant tells of how one of the company's medical men administered plasma to him on a rocky, coral ridge on Biak within a few minutes after he was wounded. He was hit after more than three weeks of combat on the island, when the Japs were not more than 100 yards away. They gave him more plasma later near the front lines and within five hours after he was hit they had him in a hospital.

His Infantry regiment had the mission, he said, of securing the two smaller airstrips. Another outfit had secured the larger one. Sergeant Finnegan continues with his story:

"We ran into a mess of Japs the second night on the island, and we had plenty of fighting from then on. My BAR man, Private George Casey, killed 11 Japs and every man had some to his credit.

"After we ran them off the airstrip, we pushed them up into the ridges. The place where I was hit on June 29th, when a mortar shell landed in among us and wounded five men in my squad."

Sergeant Finnegan, who is 26, was a sheet metal worker for the St. Paul Corrugated Company before his induction in January, 1942. He received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and arrived in Australia in November, 1943, where he joined the Infantry division with which he saw combat.

He has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge—given for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

MEDICAL DETACH

A hearty welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment this week: S/Sgt. Arthur E. Nessett, S/Sgt. John W. Seale and Privates Benjamin Sugar and Russell W. Parker.

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Furloughs are still the order of the day—no matter what time of year and those receiving after holiday furloughs were: Pvt. Ernest B. Ortega who received 21 days; Sgt. Raymond K. Faris, 18 days; T/3rd Gr. Lionel N. Alford, 17 days; and Privates Jordan D. Fowler and Robert D. Holmquist each got 7 days.

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Interesting to See:

T/Sgt. Ernest Brensel proudly giving out the news that he now has a son/ (Congratulations, Ernie.)

Sgt. John V. Ryan and his post office crew working night and day to keep up with the mail rush and doing a very good job over the recent holiday season.

Sgt. Edward C. Vicary and his new "shadow" walking around the Administration Building.

T/4th Gr. Edward A. Chilgren trying to figure a way out of the mess hall one day last week.

The Stranger in our midst. (That is no stranger—he is the 1945 model Harry Agruss. Due to war time restrictions all excessive weight has been removed. More follows.)

The style not for 1945: Or what the well-dressed young man will sneer at—the 'hay stack' hair-do of Pfc. Bob Anderson. (He washed his hair and can't do a thing with it.)

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein trying to figure out what gadget to press on his new Christmas watch — at what time—and without aid of combination lock or a blue print.

The new working details around the detachment—composed wholly of NCOs.

The men of the motor pool right on the ball these days—even with the extra amount of work.

TETANUS CONQUERED BY ARMY VACCINATION

Not a single case of tetanus among completely vaccinated troops in the entire Army has been reported, the Ninth Service Command Surgeon announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Congress Gives Priority to Vets In Surplus Property Sales

By Camp Newspaper Service

What chance has a World War II veteran—whose only capital is a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights—to successfully establish himself as a small businessman after his return to civil life?

Recent developments in the nation's capital throw some light on this question although they by no means tell the whole story.

One of the most important developments is the enactment by Congress of Public Law No. 457, known as the "Surplus Property Act of 1944." Section 16 of that law, entitled "Dispositions To Veterans," reads:

"The Board (Surplus Property Board in the Office of War Mobilization, created by the act) shall prescribe regulations to effectuate the objectives of this act to aid veterans to establish and maintain their own small business, professional or agricultural enterprises, by affording veterans suitable preferences to the extent feasible and consistent with the policies of this act in the acquisition of the types of surplus property useful in such enterprises."

That is all the act says with reference to preferences to veterans. The drawing up of regulations is left to the Surplus Property Board, which hasn't been appointed yet, hence no regulations. When the regulations are made public, CNS will report them.

Certain other advantages extended by the act to small business generally also will benefit veterans. One of the stated objectives of the act is to "discourage monopolistic practices and to strengthen and preserve the competitive position of small business concerns in an economy of free enterprise."

The Smaller War Plants Corporation, which is primarily concerned with small business (250 employes or less) is given certain responsibilities to see that this objective is translated into accomplishment. SWPC is authorized to provide loans to small businessmen for the acquisition of surplus property; to purchase surplus property for resale, lease or rental to small business; to locate surplus property for individual purchasers and to provide assistance in determining the needs of small business for surplus property.

The Smaller War Plants Corporation also has a proposal of its own to aid veterans and others with limited capital to establish and maintain small businesses.

The plan is known as "Multiple Industrial Tenancy." Briefly, this is what it means:

SWPC estimates that when the need for war goods production ends, the government will own outright about 1300 industrial plants costing, with their equipment, more than $15,500,000,000, and having a total floor area of about 427,000,000 square feet—nearly 10,000 acres.

"Certain parts of this immense war plant will be set aside as a permanent war reserve," it says, but "the problem of finding tenants or purchasers for the remainder is unprecedented," since "never in history have that amount of industrial floor space or that many industrial buildings been thrown on the market at any one time."

But there is a complementary problem—that of finding suitable space and buildings for manufacturing enterprises of all kinds and sizes, a problem which, SWPC says, "is always with us, even in the depths of the worst depression."

SWPC suggests that it might be a good idea for groups of local real estate men, merchants, bankers, etc., to take over these potential "derelicts" as normal profit-making real-estate ventures and lease them to a variety of small enterprises, supplying certain basic, or primary, services, such as freight facilities, process steam, hot water, etc. Each new enterprise could contract for exactly the space it needed with room for expansion.

Under such an arrangement the average returning serviceman—SWPC estimates he will have at his personal command between $2000 and $5000—would be freed from all the problems that surround the ownership and management of industrial property, such as maintenance, real estate taxes, public liability, and the need for compliance with local ordinances. Even more important, he would be able to use his limited capital for current operations instead of tieing it up in fixed assets, such as real estate, which is one of the most frequent causes of early failures in small businesses.

Space will not permit publication of complete details on the "Multiple Industrial Tenancy," Plan but the Smaller War Plants Corporation has published a booklet on the subject.

"Multiple industrial tenancy is not proposed as the answer to all surplus plant problems," the SWPC warns, "and it is not suggested that anybody with an unoccupied factory on his hands can re-open it as an industrial apartment house and start making money."

One of the most important aids to veterans who contemplate going into business after the war is the free technical advice which SWPC will supply on request.

Release of Senior Medical Officers Now Being Studied

A board of officers has been appointed in the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army to reduce the number of Medical Corps officers. A moderate reduction in numbers of Medical Corps officers is necessary, the Surgeon General states, in order to remain within presently allotted ceilings. In view of the fact that the need for Medical Corps officers in senior grades who are assigned principally to administrative duties is less accute than formerly, it is expected that the majority of officers to be released from active duty will be those holding lieutenant colonel and colonel grades.

In arriving at its findings, the board will give careful consideration to the physical and other qualifications of all Medical Corps officers of the various components of the Army and their essentiality to the war effort. The professional attainments of an officer will be given great weight, and even though he may not be in top physical condition and his skill is needed by the Army, he will be retained on active duty. In other words, if his medical experience is needed and he is engaged in work entailing no physical hardship, he will be kept on active duty.

As a result of this boards study, it is anticipated that a number of separations of officers of the above group will occur in the near future. Regular Medical Corps officers will be accorded retirement privileges under the provisions of section 2, Army Regulations No. 605-245, June 17, 1941, and Reserve, National Guard, and AUS Medical Corps officers will be given the opportunity of returning to the practice of medicine in a civilian status by relief from active duty or discharge.

At the present time, there are roughly 45,000 Medical Corps officers on active duty with the Army, the majority of whom are majors, captains, and first lieutenants.

Italian Prisoners At Letterman

The population at Letterman was increased during the week by the arrival of approximately 100 Italian prisoners of war who will work around the hospital and the surrounding grounds.

The prisoners will be under the command of Captain Derrol Florsblom and will be self contained unit with its own mess and cooks.

The Stork Was Here

To Major and Mrs. **Saul Steinbergh** a son, Raoul Banks, born 29 December; weight 8 pounds 2 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Ervin O. Veselka** a son, Van Kenneth, born 28 December; weight 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **John R. Gillingham** a son, Paul Muir, born 30 December; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Gordon E. Dahlgren** a son, Dennis James, born 27 December; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs **R.obert B. Sponagle** a daughter, Jean Kathryn, born 30 December; weight 4 pounds 12 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **John C. Glahn** a daughter, Carol Ann, born 30 December; weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **Velories M. Harlon** a daughter, Susan Carol, born 30 December; weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **John V. Rast** a son, John Edward, born 27 December; weight 8 lbs. 13 ozs.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **Pedro J. Bitela** a son, Peter Joseph, born 1 January 1945; weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **Cornelius Breadehoft** a daughter, Ruth Mary Ann, born 25 December; weight 8 pounds 11 ounces.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. **Jo H. Bloem** a daughter, Marian Gesine, born 29 December; weight 3 pounds 11 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Ernest H. Elms** a daughter, Ernestine Oveta, born 24 December; weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Henry E. Garcia** a son, Michael Henry, born 31 December; weight 9 pounds 2 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. **Wesley G. Gillette** a daughter, Hazel Rosalie, born 29 December; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. **Herman E. Buschman** a son, James Edward, born 26 December; weight 6 pounds 10 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Richard E. Herrell,** a daughter, Linda Marie, born 30 December; weight 4 pounds 15 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Max J. Ruderian** a son, Kenneth Ray, born 26 December; weight 7 pounds.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Joseph I. Crawford Jr.,** a son, Joseph Irwin III, born 25 December 1944; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

SHE WANTS TO BE REGULAR ARMY— WE SAY SHE'S A "REGULAR" GIRL



2nd Lieut. MILDRED OSBORN, ANC
Recent photogenic addition to our staff

If the sun seems to shine a little brighter and the atmosphere to be a bit more rarefied in the outpatient branch these days, look around for Lieutenant Mildred Osborn, and you'll have the answer. The pert, green-eyed, black-haired lieutenant is a newcomer to Letterman, and according to both patients and staff, distinctly belongs on the asset side of the ledger.

Although Lieutenant Osborn has only been a part of the Army Nurse Corps since August 26, 1944, and Letterman is her first assignment, she likes the service so much that she intends to make application for becoming part of the regular army. She comes from Seligman, Missouri, and while she is far from the usual mental picture of the husky farm lass, she assures us that she is an expert at milking cows. She was raised on a cattle farm where they bred largely beef-cows, and where she developed a real love for plenty of range around her. She took her R.N. at St. John's Hospital in Joplin, Missouri, and after spending six months working with a private physician in his office, she went to San Diego, where she spent almost a year in charge of surgery for the huge Consolidated Aircraft Company. After joining the Army Nurse Corps, she completed her basic training at Fort Lewis and was promptly assigned to Letterman, arriving here on September 27 of last year.

Quite a variety of accomplishments, in addition to her abilities wi the bovine species, can be claimed by the lieutenant. She is an ardent camera fan and has pictured scenery from Canada to Mexico. She started her photographic hobby in 1937, and has continued, and improved in it, ever since. She is quite a sportswoman and is very expansive in her tastes, for she likes not only the usual tennis, riding and swimming, but bowling, pingpong, hiking, badminton and all the other more active sports.

If the new year realizes Lieutenant Osborn's wishes for her, it will take plenty of traveling to keep up with the young lady, for her greatest yearning at present is to "go to the Philippines and ultimately meet the boys in. Tokyo."

Or anywhere.

Combat Pay for Our Medical Corpsmen Urged in Congress

The question of additional recognition for Army Medical Corps personnel—how to give such personnel serving with combat units combat pay and combat insignia with reference to their protective noncombat status—is now under study in the War Department. Under the provisions of the Geneva Convention, medical personnel have a noncombat status, and it is not desired to take this protection from them. Medical personnel enjoy a higher pay average, than infantrymen, due to the larger number of technical ratings. In reply to a question at his press conference this week as to what steps are being taken to obtain combat pay and combat insignia for medical personnel serving with combat units, Secretary of War Stimson said:

"The question of additional recognition for medical personnel who serve with combat units is being studied now by the War Department with reference to their noncombat status as protects personnel under the Geneva Convention and in view of the fact that Tables of Organization of the medical units have a considerably larger number of technical ratings which give medical units a higher pay average than that received by the average infantrymen."

Representative E. N. Rogers of Massachusetts in the House on Tuesday spoke in behalf of the personnel of the Army Medical Corps. Mrs. Rogers' remarks follow:

"Mr. Speaker, I am glad to note by the press that Gen. Eisenhower has recommended that the Medical Corps be given the combat increase in pay. I took the matter up with the chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs when I came back from Europe and also with the War Department. The War Department has not recommended it as yet. Gen. Eisenhower's recommendation should be agreed to. The Medical Corps is unarmed, unable to defend itself, and should be given the increase in pay in combat areas. The stretcher bearers go out unarmed, up mountain trails, under fire, on the fields of battle to care for and carry out the wounded, totally unprotected, and many of them are wounded and some lose their lives in saving others. The nurses and doctors and other personnel of the Medical Corps are very near the actual firing line and are in constant danger. It is truly a brave corps."



EVE ALLISON WILLEY

Our first grandchild — now 18 months old—paid us a visit during the holidays. She is pointing at the old ogre for whom her mother and dad once worked — and it looks like a finger of scorn. The FOG HORN is proud of Eve and grateful for what mother and dad did to keep this paper in circulation.



Q. I was wounded in World War I and in this war, too. But my CO won't let me wear my World War II wound stripes. How come?

A. AR 600-40 says that wound chevrons may only be worn for wounds received in World War I and not for wounds received in the present war. It is expected that authorization for wound stripes for this war will come later. But in the meantime, you're out of luck.

Q. My brother and I both contributed to the support of our mother before we were inducted into the Army. She is now getting a Class B-1 dependency allotment from me, amounting to $50 and a Class B allotment from my brother, totaling $37. That amounts to $87 in all. However, as civilians, we contributed much more than that to her support. We would like to know whether we both are entitled to B-1 allotments?

A. No. Under the law, only one of you can claim to have been your mother's chief support. Consequently, only one of you can get a B-1 allowance for your mother.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For Week of Jan. 9 to Jan. 16

TUESDAY—				
A.F.E.C. Variety Show—Composed of various entertainers from the stage, radio, and night clubs of San Francisco.	SSO	1400	Wards	
WEDNESDAY—				
Popular Record Quiz	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall	
THURSDAY—				
Special Talent Program—A variety of entertainers.	Army YMCA	1430	Army YMCA	
FRIDAY—				
A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Ward S-1	
Party of Games with charming Girl Hostesses	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall	
SATURDAY—				
Puppet Show	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall	
SUNDAY—				
"Brown Eyes" Russian Farce Comedy Produced by Theatre Arts Colony.	Army YMCA & SSO	1330	Army YMCA Aud.	
Special Variety Program Followed by refreshments and Girl Hostesses.	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall	
MONDAY—				
Music Comedy Club Review—Miss Lucile Young, Director and Producer.	SSO	1900	Rec. Hall	

POLLY CADET . . .



News From Home

Dallas (CNS)—A city judge has ordered that all drunks in Dallas henceforth be released from jail—without charges—when they sober up.

Germantown, Pa (CNS)—Latest wartime whimsy of Herbert Duschene, 17, was masquerading as an Army nurse. Duschene was arrested by police here after a curious cop had yanked "her" wig off on a downtown street. The charge: illegally wearing the uniform of an officer.

Minneapolis (CNS)—Silver Lining Department: The cigaret shortage may lengthen many lives, according to a life insurance expert. Studies of policyholders, the expert said, show 26 to 100 percent rises in death rates among heavy smokers.

Montreal (CNS) — Mrs Jean MacLaren, a grandmother, received a letter from her draft board the other day, ordering her to report for duty. Mrs MacLaren, who has 2 sons in the service, discovered that the board had mistaken her name for that of a male.

San Francisco (CNS) — Mrs Rosalia DiMaggio, mother of Sgt Joe DiMaggio, became a U.S. citizen recently when she passed her naturalization tests. Papa DiMaggio flunked, however, and will have to try again in 3 months.

Nashville, Tenn (CNS) — Grounds for divorce: An elderly backwoods lady is seeking freedom from her mate because he wears his shoes in bed "even in the summertime."

Newark, N. J. (CNS)—Donna Smith, 18, yawned so widely that she couldn't unyawn. Her mouth remained open for 18 hours before a doctor snapped her jaw back into place.

MORE ABOUT MARCH OF DIMES

(Continued from Page 5)

To strengthen the bulwark of defense for their own families and to help other servicemen carry the burden of care for members of their families stricken with polio, men and women in every branch of the armed services last year sent contributions to their Commander-in-Chief during the March of Dimes appeal. This year again America's fighters of the enemy abroad are urged to send their dimes and dollars to President Roosevelt at The White House during the March of Dimes, January 14—31, so that the war against this home-front enemy may be prosecuted to the fullest.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

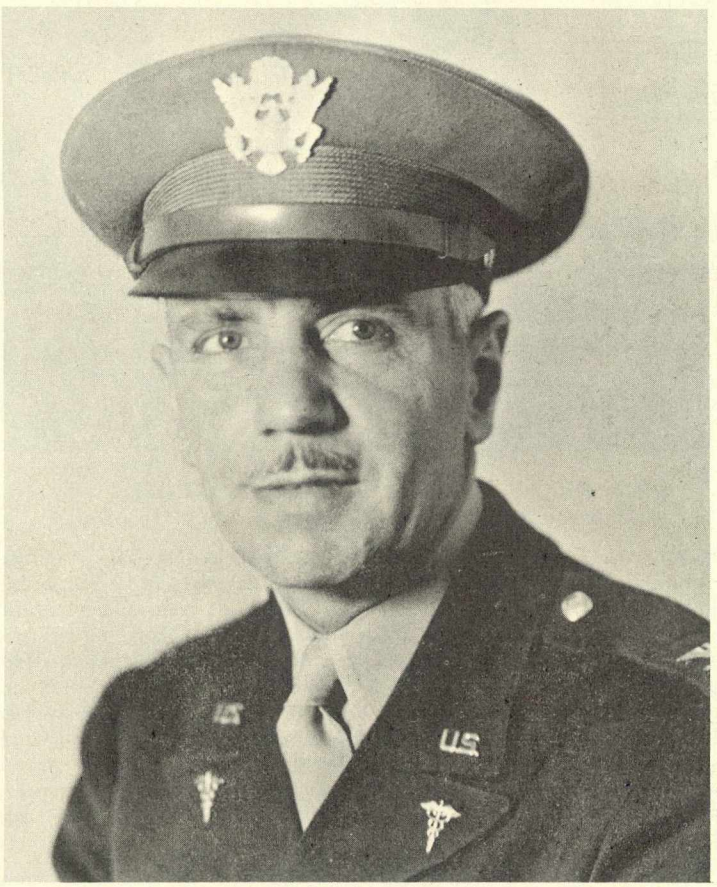
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Famed Ball Players Give Letterman A Red Letter Day

Monday of this week was the day when baseball was the chief topic of conversation among the patients already in the hospital as well as among those who arrived in a large convoy from overseas. The incentive to talk baseball was due to the presence of nationally known figures in that pastime, and although our visitors belonged to another generation it was discovered their fame has endured.

In the group were Raymond Tyrus Cobb, the "Ty" of other days, who is still the "top" ball player in all records, Tony Lazzeri, of the great "Yankee" team for many years and a native of these parts, Oscar Vitt, former manager of the Cleveland Indians, Frank O'Doul, now manager of the San Francisco "Seals" but one time league leading hitter of the National League, Walter Mails, former Brooklyn and Cleveland hurler in the big leagues, and for many years a pitcher for our own Seals. He has more recently been with the Marines and his latest project is an assignment to go overseas next month for the American Red Cross.

Clint Evans, coach of the baseball team of the University of California, added his presence to the group and he had the satisfaction of a warm hand-shake from a Stanford graduate. First Lieutenant Parker W. Kimball, AAF, was wheeled into the receiving office on arrival from overseas and the first one to greet him was Mr. Evans. The lieutenant acknowledged the greeting then pleaded the occasion was sufficient justification for a Stanford grad to shake hands with the "Cal" coach.



Colonel PAUL E. KELLER, M. C.
Executive Officer in the office of the Service Command Surgeon, who has been making a formal survey of activities and facilities at Letterman during this week.

The visiting ball players made the rounds of the wards and entertained in the evening with a program at the YMCA across the street. Mr. Curley Grieve, of the San Francisco "Examiner," was the guiding spirit of the program and his good deed made a big hit with the returning veterans.

One of the patients remarked: "I knew for sure I was home again when "Ty" Cobb in person said, 'Glad you're back, son."

Curley Grieve in the Examiner has expressed himself as being ready to return for another visit with the famed ball players whenever we wish to have them again.

Civilian Workers Urged To Help In Recruiting Drive

With both Atlantic and Pacific fronts sending back a constantly increasing number of patients to military hospitals, the urgent need for more civilian employees grows daily more acute. Civilian employees at Letterman can do a great deal to help in the drive to recruit more civilian workers. It is apparent to every worker in the hospital that the smooth functioning of debarkation and evacuation is dependant to a great degree on their own work and cooperation. Everyone can aid in the drive by bringing at least one more individual to join the staff here at Letterman.

Both military and civilian organizations are stressing the need for at least two hundred more employees at Letterman alone. Following is a quotation from a message issued by General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman General Hospital.

"The added pressure of work at Letterman General Hospital, due to the constantly increasing number of patients arriving here from overseas war theaters, necessitates an immediate increase in the number of civilian employees. It is my sincere hope that the awareness of this need on the part of the public will result in a prompt and generous response to the drive for more civilian employees at the hospital. Civilian response to this drive will release more of our military personnel for combat duty, materially aiding in bringing the war to a more speedy conclusion."

VAUGHAN COMMANDER KNOWS THIS WAR AT FIRST HAND

The visitor to Vaughan General Hospital who makes the journey from the "Loop" by way of the Chicago elevated line to Des Plaines and then motors out to the hospital will pass several cemeteries on the way to Maywood. However any impression created by the site of the graveyards is immediately dispelled on entering the administration building of Vaughan General Hospital. Here one finds the very lively organization just humming with activity and clicking along in the manner prescribed by the best traditions of the Medical Department of the U. S. Army.

The ground was broken for the hospital on 1 July, 1943, and thirteen months later, until August 2, 1944, the first group of patients arrived. After that the convoys of patients arrived by train and plane and by November 1 had its first capacity load of patients.

The hospital is situated just southeast of Maywood and approximately 13 miles from Chicago's loop district.

The hospital consists of 67 brick buildings, all connected by inclosed corridors and has a capacity of 1525 beds. Its staff is highly specialized and general hospital cases of all types are cared for.

The installation is complete within itself. It has a post exchange, commissary, War Department theater, chapel, post office, banking facilities, library, gymnasium, laundry, telephone center, Red Cross unit, fire department and a railway spur, making it possible to unload hospital trains within the installation.

Vaughan General Hospital is named in honor of the late Colonel Victor Clarence Vaughan, M. C. who served as Dean of the School of Medicine of the University of Michigan from 1891 to 1921. He served as President of the Association of American Physicians from 1908-1909, and President of the American Medical Association from 1914-1915.

A native of Mount Airy, Missouri, Colonel Vaughan had a distinguished Army career. In the Spanish-American War, he was commissioned major and surgeon in the 33rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry and took part in the Santiago campaign.

In World War I, he was commissioned a colonel in the Army Medical Corps and placed in charge of the Section of Communicable Diseases in the Office of the Surgeon General. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation:

"During his service in the office of the Surgeon General his contributions of advice and information have been of great value to the Army in connection with the control of communicable diseases. During the recent epidemic of influenza, in particular, his work was of extreme value."

Colonel Vaughan also received the French decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

He was a member of many learned and scientific societies, published many medical and scientific articles and a number of medical books. His contribution as a member of the commission appointed to investigate the widespread outbreak of typhoid in Army camps during the Spanish-American War was an important factor in the curbing of that disease.

Colonel Vaughan died in Richmond, Virginia, November 21, 1929, at the age of 78.



Brigadier General PERCY J. CARROLL
Commanding General, Vaughan General Hospital

The commanding general, Brigadier General Percy J. Carroll, brings to his present command every experience in the handling of war wounded and sick. He served for General MacArthur in the Philippines. Arranged for and supervised the evacuation of wounded from Manilla to Australia and later served as Chief Surgeon with the American Forces in the southwest Pacific and far East.

A native of East St. Louis, Illinois, General Carroll designed and activated the first portable surgical hospitals while on duty in the southwest Pacific. Now widely used on the various battlefronts, the portable hospitals — all equipment of which is transported in packs carried by soldiers — make it possible for seriously wounded men to be operated often times within 300 yards of the front lines while the fighting is still in progress. It has been estimated that many lives have been saved as a result of the operation of the new units. General Carroll, who has been in the service since June, 1916, arrived in the Philippines in the fall of 1940. He was in command of the Sternberg General Hospital at Manila when the Japanese staged their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He then organized a hospital center in Manila.

On December 28, General MacArthur ordered evacuation of all seriously wounded from Manila to Australia. There was only one boat available, the "Mactan," a 2,000-ton inter-island cargo vessel. General Carroll managed to place 255 wounded men aboard, and the boat sailed at midnight, December 31.

Two and a half hours later they reached Corregidor. After receiving final instructions, and best wishes for a safe voyage from General MacArthur, they sailed away in the darkness.

Before reaching Australia, 27 days later, the boat had to stop several times to replenish the oil and water supplies. Oddly enough, one of the stops was at Macassar, in the Dutch Celebes, about the same time the enemy was landing on the northern part of the island. But the improvised hospital ship reached Sidney, Australia, safely, and the patients were transferred to Australian military hospitals.

From Sidney, General Carroll was ordered to proceed to Melbourne, where he was assigned as chief surgeon of the American forces in the Southwest Pacific theater of war. He remained in Australia until December, 1943, when he was ordered back to the United States.

After a 25-day leave he was placed in command of the new Vaughan General Hospital.

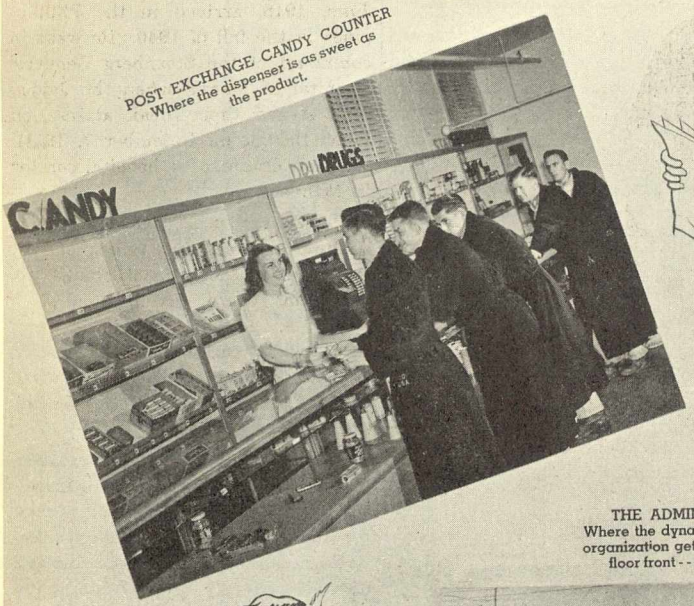
A graduate of St. Louis University, where he received his "M.D." degree in 1914, General Carroll entered the Army as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, in June, 1916, after completing an interneship at St. Louis City Hospital.

He went to Mexico with the Pershing Expedition in the same year, attached to the Seventh Cavalry and 24th Infantry regiments. In 1918, he left for France as commander of a hospital train, remaining overseas until August, 1919.

After returning to this country, he was assigned to duty at the Fort Sheridan Station Hospital, serving

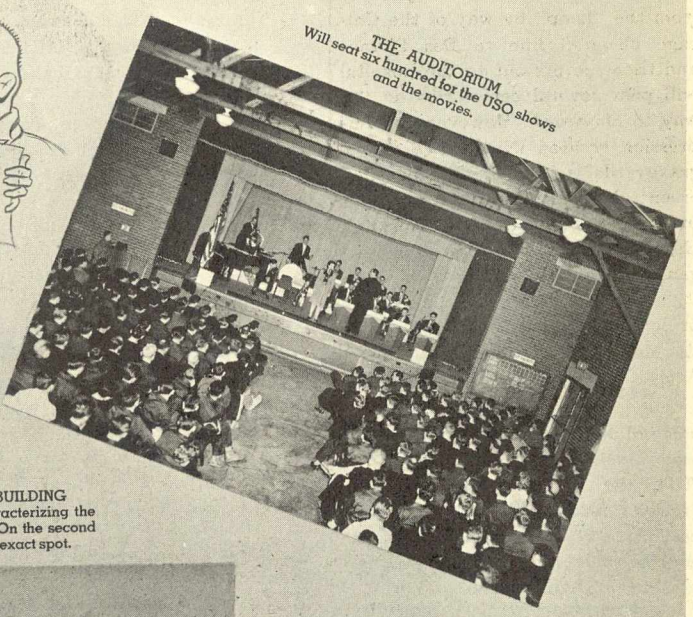
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VIEWS OF VAUGHAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AT HINES, ILL.



POST EXCHANGE CANDY COUNTER
Where the dispenser is as sweet as the product.

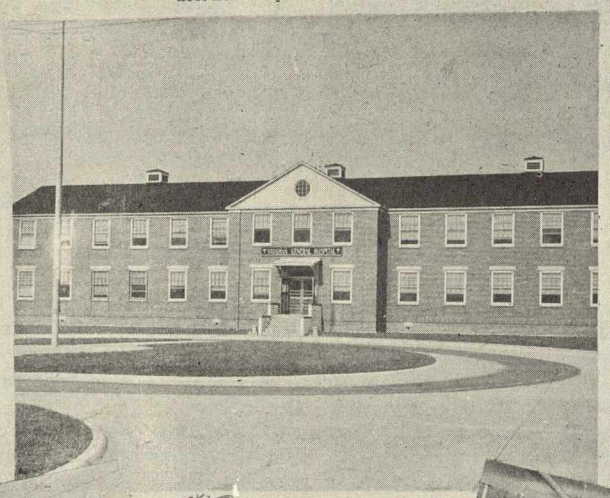




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Will seat six hundred for the USO shows and the movies.

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Where the dynamic force characterizing the organization gets its impetus. On the second floor front - - if you want the exact spot.





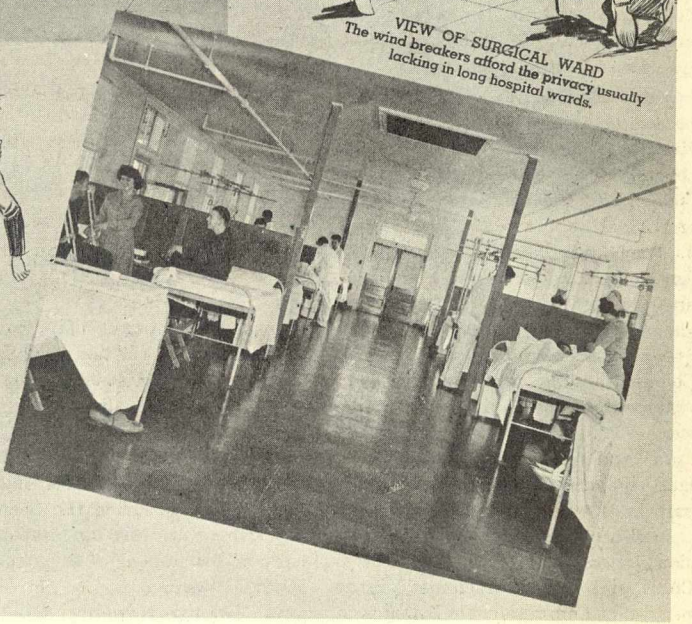


VIEW OF SURGICAL WARD
The wind breakers afford the privacy usually lacking in long hospital wards.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Presenting Good Conduct medals to members of his command.







THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

APPRECIATION

An unusual caller at the Sanctum one day this week was a lanky Texan recently returned from Leyte. He had a curious request, curious in the sense that it was novel. He wished to know where he might give an expression of appreciation for all of the attention he had received since he was admitted to Letterman as a patient.

He had been "over there" for twenty-two months; he had been in training here for a year before going "over there" and he wanted to say that nowhere else during his military career had he experienced the warm personal relationship existing at Letterman. He wanted to say "Thanks" to everyone connected with the command.

We are happy to pass along to the personnel of the command the gratitude of that patient. We are happy to know that what we are striving for is being accomplished. We are happy to be of service to the men who come back to us as patients.

It is the desire of the commanding general that nothing be left undone to indicate our intense interest in the care and treatment of our patients from the physical standpoint, and beyond that we demonstrate a deep concern in their comfort and contentment.

The staff at Letterman is whole heartedly behind the commanding general and lending their generous support to the realization of that objective. It is a privilege to be of service to the men who have done so well by their country.

Letterman is living up to its reputation as "The Hospital with a Soul."



At the start of a new week—we greet and welcome to the LGH nursing staff—2nd Lieutenant **Lenore W. Keyes,** who reports for duty here after a tour of duty at an overseas theatre of operations. She expresses delight with her assignment here.

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Congratulations were in order early this week when 2nd Lieutenant **Ruthe M. Leedom** reported for duty in the early morning on ward M-1 with the announcement that she had become **Mrs. L. E. Griffith** the evening before—when she pronounced the vows with one of Uncle Sam's Marine nephews.

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Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery this week are directed to 2nd Lieutenant **Barbara E. Yarnell** who is confined to quarters due to illness.

Congratulations Are in Order For Major Suggs

The newest Letterman officer to sport a pair of gold oak-leaves is Major Mill Suggs, assistant chief nurse. Major Suggs, who has been at Dante Annex since January, 1944, has had a long and varied Army career, starting in 1917 and continuing without interruption to the present. She served for 15 months overseas during the last war with the Emery University unit from Georgia and was seven months on a hospital train in France. She has had two tours of duty in the Philippines and was once stationed on Corregidor.

She has been stationed in almost all of the smaller Army hospitals in the continental United States and most of the larger ones, including Walter Reed, Fitzsimmons General Hospital, William Beaumont, the Army and Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and in Letterman. She came to Letterman on her present tour of duty from Nicholls General Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Lieut. Colonel **Richard E. Humes** dropping in for a social call since he no longer works here. Nice to see him anytime.

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Cpl. **Hugh Ashley** handling a million dollars worth of ball players with the same ease he displays with a small USO Camp Show.

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The Management of **"Winterland"** throwing open its doors to 150 patients for a sight of fast hockey teams on Wednesday evening.

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Major **Chaunceford A. Mounce** back from the wars over there and en route to his new station at the Veterans' Facility, Fort Miley. Almost home again.

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Miss **Gloria Stockhausen** pulling Pullman space out of a hat—or somewhere.

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Mrs. **Kathleen Tracy** in a new location but the same old smile is still visible from every angle.

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Mrs. **Louis Hendricks,** nee Gloria Rich, back at her desk after a brief honeymoon—and welcome home.

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Master Sergeant **Frank O'Brien** denying he has been inundated by a pile of baggage, but admitting he still has but 24 hours to his day.

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Mr. **Raymond Shine** more than usually occupied with the drive for more help.

Col. McClintic is Host at Fisherman's Wharf Dinner

These busy days and nights around Letterman keep the fishermen in the command from catching fish but Colonel Brown S. McClintic is not to be denied his quota of seafood nevertheless.

On Saturday evening last Col. McClintic was host to a group of officers of similar tastes and the gathering at Fisherman's Wharf proved to be a most delightful affair.

The Colonel had as his guests for the occasion Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, Colonel Paul E. Keller, Executive Officer to the Service Command Surgeon, Colonel Boyd L. Smith, Chief of the Dental Service, Colonel Russel H. Patterson, Chief of the Surgical Service, Lieut. Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Post Chaplain, Lieut. Colonel Seth O. Craft, Adjutant, and Lieut. Colonel Charles F. McCuskey, Chief of Anesthesiology.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 14, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Chaplan Webb at Three Score Ten

Chaplain (Colonel) James Miles Webb, United States Army, retired, celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary on Sunday last by delivering the sermon and conducting the services at the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church of San Francisco.

Chaplain Webb's last active duty station was Letterman General Hospital and he was placed on the retired list for physical disability on 26 April 1938. It was appropriate that on the occasion of his seventieth birthday General and Mrs. Hillman should be in the congregation that extended congratulations at the conclusion of the service.

The officers and men of Letterman add their congratulations to those of the Commanding General and wish Chaplain Webb length of days.

Infantry troops who fought at Hollandia in the Southwest Pacific report their carbines a most excellent weapon for jungle warfare but they had to keep after the clips most frequently for dirt and sand got into the mand the rainy weather caused rust. One mortar platoon to keep their carbines in good condition even reblued the metal.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



CHARLES J. MONAHAN
Pvt. Med. Dept.

From The Dalles, Oregon, comes our 'Buck of This Week'—Private Charles J. Monahan. He only left this town of his birth when upon graduation from high school he attended Oregon State and the University of Washington where he studied a pre-medical course. During college, he worked part time as a Veterinarian's helper for the Department of Agriculture. But a variety of work was experienced by this upstanding young man while he was going to school, including service station work and clerking in the mens wear department of a large store.

However, education and work were interrupted very suddenly for Chuck—when notification came of his '1-A' status with his draft board and a short time later he was boarding the train eastward for Fort Douglas, Utah, where he was inducted into the Army on 15 September 1943. He had no sooner arrived at Fort Douglas, than was moved on to Camp Barkeley, Texas, where he received his medical basic training before receiving assignment at the Technician school here at LGH. After completing the prescribed course, he took advanced training in surgery and after that was kept as an instructor for a few months. A month or two ago, the school was dissolved and knowing a good thing when they see it, LGH picked up the private on their rosters of enlisted personnel and put him to work on the wards. He is temporarily performing the duties of wardmaster while the regular W. M. is on furlough.

When the war is over—the postwar plans of Private Monahan are in the general direction of securing all the education he can under the opportunities granted by the Army. Then he will continue with his premedical studies.

ONLY A PART OF WHAT A CHAPLAIN ACHIEVES IS FOUND IN REPORTS

"You can't record a chaplain's activities in the neat little columns of a report—it's not just a matter of statistics and charts," explains Colonel J. L. Blakeney, Ninth Service Command Chaplain with headquarters at Fort Douglas, Utah.

"A chaplain's business is people, knowing them and their needs," he continues. "And, of course, the people's greatest need today or any time, is God."

Purely in the line of routine business are the many Sabbath and weekly services conducted by Army chaplains. Yet in one month's time, as many as 3,396 services are conducted in the eight Western states of the Ninth Service Command with attendance for the month as much as 137,082.

A man of wisdom, judgment and patience as well as a man of God, the chaplain is responsible for the religious welfare of our troops; he is friend and father in time of trouble; he guides the spiritual development of men who have gained sudden maturity in wartime.

The woman whose son is reported missing and the man whose son is reported lost in action come to their friend — the Army chaplain — for help. If it is information they seek, the chaplain ferrets through official files to find it. But, he gives them more: peace of mind, and renewed pride in their sons, often forgotten in the shock of grief.

A chaplain makes his work an around-the-clock job, through his own choice. He spends many sleepless nights weighing other people's problems. He is not dealing with a shipment of precious shoes or ammunition. He deals with irreplaceable lives and human happiness.

One chaplain had the problem of reconciling an Army man and his wife, estranged by a "friend" of the soldier. They were happily reunited, thanks to Chaplain "X." The soldier is overseas now, but doesn't worry about his home. And the wife's letters to the chaplain evidence her gratitude. "You're the only man who ever prayed for me," she confided.

That case would be entered on a report as "one (1) interview with one (1) soldier." Nothing else, although many hours were spent on the case.

Not unusual are the activities of a recent month when chaplains at Army Service Forces installations throughout the West discussed "problems" with 15,975 individuals and visited 53,240 patients in military hospitals.

Chaplains assist officers as well as enlisted men. It's not unusual to have a colonel, or even a general,

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QUARTETTE OF FAMOUS BALL PLAYERS
Right on hand to greet veterans from the Philippine fighting front. L to R: Tony Lazzeri, T/5th Gr. William R. Lynch, Sgt. Jerry C. Colburn, Oscar Vitt, T/4th Gr. Samuel Stein, Frank "Lefty" O'Doul, Cpl. Open R. Rhodes, Ty Cobb.

ON THE SPOT



RICHARD L. KALSTEIN
Pfc., Infantry

Twice pronounced dead, and once reported "missing in action" is the unique experience of cheerful Pfc. Richard L. Kalstein, 23-year-old Infantryman who is featured 'On The Spot' this week.

A BAR man in the 6th Infantry Division, Dick fought at Maffin Bay and Sansapor and it was while attacking a Japanese supply dump at Sansapor when without warning—there had been no previous enemy fire in the immediate area—he was hit in the head by shell fragments.

Pvt. Kalstein continues with the story, "I remember a sudden blast—the world going black—and then regaining consciousness in a field hospital two days later. The story my buddies tell is:

"A report first went to the company that I was missing. Later while I was lying paralized from the concussion and shock some riflemen from another company found me and thought I was dead. A medic confirmed their belief but called a medical officer to be certain. The officer pronounced me dead too."

It was Staff Sgt. Lester Schulte, the privates squad leader who detected an arm twitch as he was passing Dick and immediately called a medic. Thus, Pvt. Kalstein was loaded onto an LST and taken to the hospital at Maffin Bay. There his life was saved by blood plasma and two days later the unbelievable fact that he 'had risen from the dead' seemed incredible to the private.

His marksmanship accounted for many Jap dead and he remembers a few incidents quite vividly. Among them, occurred on Maffin Bay, the patrol which had dug in for the night and in the morning were confronted with a machinegun nest across the trail, protected by riflemen, which was set up that evening by the enemy. This obstacle was overcome by a Javanese 'Alamo scout.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week: T/Sgt. Roger W. Sommerville, T/4th Gr. Kenneth A. Herried, T/5th Gr. Henry A. Smith, Pvts. Urban J. Lewis, Lloyd A. Heedick, Banks D. O. Moose, Wade L. Canfield, Grant W. Liddle, William J. Morris, Talmage M. Martin, James F. McKenna, Edward E. Tueller, Robert J. Stoller, Gorden K. Pyles, Herbert G. Tearse, Donald A. Weinberg, Roy W. Conley and James W. Roam.

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Furloughs are still the order of the day and those to receive them this week are: Pvts. Frank J. Pedrick and Francis M. Gorman each with 23 days; T/4th Gr. Herbert V. Keene, T/5th Gr. Frank G. Spirito and Pvt. John H. Rolofson who each received 21 days; T/3rd Gr. Stanley E. Ledahl, T/5th Gr. Dario Meucci and Pvts. Henry A. Krieger and Augustine V. Ayala—each with 17 days; and T/Sgt. Ernest L. Brensel and T/4th Gr. William Mueller—each with 15 days.

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Interesting to See:

The newcomer who invaded the noon hour pinochle session, walking away with the loot—much to the disconcertment of the regular players. (Pvt. Benjamin Weitz will be happy to put on an exhibition at any time on the Brooklyn system of Pinochle.)

T/4th Gr. John D. Hurst donning a referee's uniform for the basketball game played last week at San Quentin and doing a good job despite his assertion that he had not refereed for over a year now.

Cpl. Dalton E. Poff now working on ward M-1 and wearing the whites for the first time.

T/5th Gr. Wilber W. Wessel back on duty after spending some time as a patient in the hospital.

Pvt. Urban J. Lewis again a member of the detachment and with the new classification of X-ray technician after having completed the course at the LGH school.

Sgt. Eugene F. Ryback back from a furlough in Florida and telling about how lucky he was at the local race track.

ANOTHER FIRST AT LETTERMAN— LADY PRIVATE JOINS OUR RANKS



Private HELEN THOMPSON, WAC
Pioneer Enlisted Member of the WAC at Letterman

Slightly reminiscent of the Mexican army is the position of Private Helen Thompson, the first enlisted WAC to be assigned at Letterman. For Private Thompson is the sole enlisted woman among Letterman's many officer nurses, therapists and WACs. We wondered if she wasn't a little lonely in her unique position, but our blue-eyed, blonde and shy young private assured us that she wasn't—"at least not yet."

Hailing from Salt Lake City, Utah, Private Thompson attended the Corbin Junior College at Price in the same state, where she especially liked chemistry and mathematics, and followed this by specializing in physiology and anatomy at the University of Utah. Her first job was with the Remington Arms plant at Salt Lake where she was head cashier and assistant supervisor of the plant cafeteria. She left a job at the Walgreen Drugstore in Salt Lake, where she worked as the head girl, doing the ordering, buying and taking care of paying the other girls, to join the Army. The young lady is a fairly recent recruit to the colors. She started her basic training at Fort Des Moines in October of 1944. Army life was quite a variation for Helen, for although she has three brothers and two sisters, living in a barracks with 65 other girls seemed just a bit crowded to her at first. But she finally got so used to the Army way that even the head-toe and toe-to-head arrangement of the beds seems normal to her now. Being one of those fortunate mortals (we speak from bitter experience) who always knew her right from her left foot, she got along famously with drill and liked it very much. Her interest in athletics may have helped in this.

Outside of sports, our Helen, like little poker-face, played tennis competively; she likes photography, and, as she says, almost any form of activity that keeps her busy and active. And here is one soldier who possesses the unique distinction of liking to sew and of having made her own clothes until Uncle Sam took over that job for her.

Private Thompson came to Letterman on December 18 and was assigned to work in the office of nurses' personnel, where she does typing and filing and generally succeeds in making herself useful.

At the ripe old age of 20 years, she is the oldest of her brothers and sisters and the only one in service, so she feels that she should go overseas, and whether she mans a typewriter in the Pacific or Atlantic theater is of no moment to her as long as she is doing a job for the Army.

MORE ABOUT WHAT A CHAPLAIN ACHIEVES

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walk into the chaplain's office and say, "I'd like to have a talk with you. Perhaps you can help me.' When he leaves, he knows the chaplain has helped.

Humor has a large place in the life of an Army chaplain. Two men had gone through a rather harrowing experience when the soldier turned to his friend and said, "Chaplain, weren't you scared?"

"Yes, I was," replied the honest man. "Weren't you?"

"Yes Sir, I was," he said. "But, I just had a little talk with God. I said, 'See here, Sir, I haven't bothered you for 15 years and if you'll see me through this, I won't bother you for another 15 years!' "

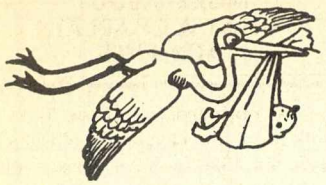
The Army chaplain's business is people—their happiness and their sorrow. But you can't put that into the statistical columns of a report.

World Need Not Fear Occupation, Says Stimson

Miami (CNS)—"No country in the world need fear an American Army of occupation," Secretary of War Stimson declared during a recent inspection tour of the Miami Beach Redistribution Station of the Army Ground and Service Forces. "The only country our soldiers want to occupy is the United States," he commented.

Harmon Sees Japs Fighting in 1946

Pearl Harbor (CNS)—Japan will still "be on her feet and fighting in 1946" in the opinion of L/Gen Millard F. Harmon, commander of U.S. Air Force in the Pacific area.



To Major and Mrs. **Robert J. Delaney** a daughter, Carol Mary, born 4 January; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Marvin W. Brigham** a daughter, Linda Ann, born 4 January; weight 9 pounds 8 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. **Robert R. Dean-Turner** a son, Robert Ronsdale, Jr., born 2 January; weight 8 pounds.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **Henry J. Rethorst** a daughter, Virginia Coronell, born 5 January; weight 6 pounds 4 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **Italo V. Barbieri** a son, Victor Louis, born 7 January; weight 6 pounds 5 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **Pedro J. Bitela** a son, Peter Joseph, born 1 January; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. **Milton C. Larson** a son, Milton Roger, born 1 January; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. **Paul R. Leahy** a daughter, Cheryle Ann, born 5 January; weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. **Henry E. Garcia** a son, Michael Henry, born 31 December; weight 9 pounds 3 ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. **Robert W. Pankratz** a daughter, Hazan Louise, born 3 January; weight 5 pounds 11 ounces.

To Private first class and Mrs. **Chester J. White** a daughter, Jeanne Diane, born 3 January; weight 5 pounds 10 ounces.

To Private first class and Mrs. **John Silotto** a son, Steven Dwight, born 7 January 1945; weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. **Jesse W. Petray** a son, Raymond Cecil, born 7 January; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

INSTANT CARE GOES TO BATTLE-WOUNDED

From 80 to 90 per cent of the American soldiers wounded on D-Day received medical care within 10 minutes after they had fallen, the Ninth Service Command Surgeon said today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

OUR RED-HEADED CAPTAIN IS GOOD MEDICINE FOR ANY AILMENT



Captain BENJAMIN W. LAFENE, M. C.
Assistant to Chief of Outpatient Branch

He was born, raised and buttered in Ohio and Michigan, says Captain Benjamin W. Lafene, assistant chief of outpatient branch. He was all set for a different career when he finally decided to study medicine. He has graduated from the Michigan State College in bacteriology and had been teaching it for one year at the Louisiana State University and for three at Kansas State College when the allied subject of medicine led him to abandon teaching and go on to the Western Reserve University School of Medicine for his doctor's degree.

The captain had been in the Army Reserve Corps until 1941, and in May he was called on active duty. His first assignment was at Letterman Hospital, and to the benefit of the hospital, he has remained here ever since.

The outpatient branch, where the captain holds forth, takes care of the active duty personnel, their dependents, and retired personnel and their dependents and is one of the busiest spots in the hospital. The tall captain is one of the best-liked figures at Letterman with his patients as well as the staff.

Before entering the Army Captain Lafene enjoyed spending some of his spare time in fishing and hunting, but his present duties leave him no time for sports, so his major activity outside of working hours is reading "any printed matter that is legitimate," he says, and then admits that most of his reading is of a scientific nature.

A unique characteristic of the captain is that he likes Kansas and confesses that even though his urge to go on calls when the temperature is below zero is not as great as it once was, he intends to go back to Marysville in that state when he is no longer a soldier. Personally we hope that he stays right on here at Letterman. We don't know anyone we'd rather have take our pulse.

Students From Mission Hi Here Again With Gifts

Headed by Mrs. Florence Millikin, student counsellor, a group of four girls from Mission High School paid us one of their welcome visits this week and left tangible evidence of the call in a box containing 85 gifts for the patients. A little computation discloses that the students of the Mission High School have provided 3,682 gift packages for the sick and wounded at Letterman during the past year. Each package contains creature comforts, toilet articles, cigarettes, stationary, and the little things that appeal to the sick. The funds for the purchase of the above items were all raised by student activity.

The committee making this presentation consisted of Joyce Briggs, Carol Boone, Leatrice Rose, and Marguerite Cobb and they were asked to take back to the student body of the school the deep appreciation of the patients for their good deeds.

MORE ABOUT VAUGHAN COMMANDER

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until July, 1920, when he was sent to the Philippines. He remained there two years, being stationed at Corregidor.

His next assignment was as post surgeon at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. From there he went to St. Louis University, where he had received his medical degree, and played on the football and baseball teams—as professor in military science and tactics. He remained in that post until 1930, when he was transferred to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. From 1933 to 1935 he was Camp Surgeon at Camp Dixon, New Jersey, and in July, 1935, sailed for service at Tientsin, China, where he was stationed until 1937. Then back to Jefferson Barracks, as post surgeon, until 1940, when he left for the Philippines.

General Carroll received his first promotion in November, 1918, when he was elevated to Captain. In May, 1920, he was raised to Major, became a Lieutenant Colonel in April, 1937, a temporary colonel in June, 1941, a permanent Colonel in April 1943, and brigadier general in June, 1943.

"Buckos" Take Pair

The Presidio-Letterman "Buckos" trimmed the Olympic Club five last Friday night at the Kezar Pavilion by the score of 44 to 38. The game on the whole was a slow moving affair with Edwards and Remple doing the scoring for the Buckos and Hallin for the Olympic Club. However the Buckos had complete control of the game as they were five points out in front at half time and in the beginning of the second period they came to life and built up a comfortable margin before taking it easy. The last five minutes of the game were the most thrilling as Hallin of the Olympic got his eye and sunk four field goals in succession.

Both teams handled the ball very poorly as the Buckos muffed about five field goals in the opening minutes by not following their shots and during the game they threw away more points by not watching where they were throwing the ball. But with a little more practice they will shape into a rather good team.

The scores for the night's games were:

Buckos	**FG**	**FT**	**PF**	**TP**
Remple	4	3	2	11
Puterbaugh	3	0	0	6
Edwards	5	3	3	13
Pietrzak	4	0	3	8
Slott	3	0	1	6
West	0	0	1	0
Total	19	6	10	44
Olympic Club				
Garcia	1	0	1	2
Keller	1	0	0	2
Kerr	2	1	3	5
Ignoffe	1	0	1	2
Moyer	3	0	2	6
Bascomb	2	0	0	4
Burberick	0	0	0	0
Sourikoff	2	2	1	6
Hallin	5	1	2	11
Total	17	4	10	38

The Buckos came out on top when they met the Fort McDowell Cagers at Kezar on Saturday evening, with a score of 44 to 38. The game was a fight through to the finish although at the first half the Buckos led with a score of 17 to McDowell's 11. During the second half they were tied five times by the scrambling shots of the McDowell players. With ten minutes to go Edwards fired home four consecutive field goals to put the Buckos in a safe lead. In the final game Edwards had totaled a score of 23 points—for the greatest individual night of the tournament. This was followed by Harley of the opposing team who scored a total of 18 points, simply by throwing shots at the basket with reckless abandon.

Following is a total of the night's scores:

Buckos	**FG**	**FT**	**PF**	**TP**
Remple	2	4	3	8
Puterbaugh	3	1	2	7
Edwards	8	8	2	23
Slott	1	0	2	2
Pietrzak	2	0	3	4
Total	16	12	12	44
Fort McDowell				
Brand	3	0	2	6
Hartley	7	4	1	18
Fedriniak	2	1	5	5
Devine	1	0	1	2
Martin	0	0	0	0
McElhaney	0	1	2	1
Deppin	3	0	2	6
Hassom	0	0	0	0
Total	16	6	13	38

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ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For Week of Jan. 15 to Jan. 22

MONDAY—		
Music Comedy Club Review	SSO 1900	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—		
A.F.E.C. Variety Show Composed of S. F. Radio, Stage and Club entertainers	SSO 1400	Wards
Bingo Party	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Meet Me In St. Louis" Judy Garland, and Leon Ames	SSO 1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—		
Truth or Consequences	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Meet Me In St. Louis"	SSO 1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—		
Make A Talking Record	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "The Princess And The Pirate" Bob Hope and Virginia Mayo	SSO 1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—		
A.F.E.C. Variety Program	SSO 1400	Ward S-1
Coney Island Carnival	ARC 1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—		
Fudge Party & Jive Record Hour	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
Movie, "None But the Lonely Heart" Cary Grant and Ethel Barrymore	SSO 1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—		
Balboa High School Variety Show	ARC 1400	Rec. Hall
"None But The Lonely Heart"	SSO 1830 & 2030	Rec. Hall

POLLY CADET . . .



GI GIGGLES & BELLY LAFFS

Garnered by the A. L. N. S.

A sergeant is a guy who cusses you out after the Army swears you in . . . (also) . . . It doesn't take long for the novelty of marriage to war off . . . (and) . . . Pin-up girls often get stuck in the worst places.
—All from Zoom, Camp Bainbridge, Ga.

To her, dating is like a drug. She takes one dope after another . . . (also) . . . Girls and golfers seem to have the same ambition—to go around in as little as possible . . . (and) . . . Sailors and Seabees have only one difference. While the sailor is looking for a bench, the Seabee builds one.—All from Camp Bowie (Texas) Blade.

Now comes the season when every girl's ambition changes from wanting bare legs that look like they're stockinged, to wearing stockinged legs that look like they're bare.—Cooke Clarion, Camp Cooke, Calif.

"I'm cutting quite a figure," she said as she sat on a broken bottle . . . (also) . . . Many a gal has gotten first-hand information in a second-hand automobile . . . (and) . . . She was only a head usher's daughter, but she could put a fellow in his place. — All from Camp Ellis (Ill.) News.

Marriage is like boxing; the preliminaries are often better than the main event. — Flight Time.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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First Letterman Cadets Sworn Into Army Nurse Corps

With raised right hands, on January 18 the first of the Letterman cadet nurses took the oath that made them members of the Army Nurse Corps. The two new lieutenants are Alice Cole Knapp and Evelyn Rosemary Esola, and the ceremony took place in the office of the Personal Affairs officer, Lieutenant William R. Moody, who administered the oath. Captain Shirley Timewell, director of the School for the Cadet Nurse Training Corps, and Lieutenant Evelyn Barbier, her assistant, were interested spectators. For probably the last time, the cadets wore their trim blue uniforms with the red shoulder bands, before changing to the regulation dark green of the Army nurses.

Lieutenant Knapp from Chowchilla, Calif., took her pre-Letterman training at the San Joaquin General Hospital, and came to Letterman June 15, graduating the following September. On September 18 she came back to Letterman as a civilian nurse, with her application for the A.N.C. on its way already to Washington, D. C. She is the third of her family to serve in Uncle Sam's forces, following in the footsteps of her father and brother, both of whom are in the Navy and stationed somewhere in the Pacific.

Lieutenant Evelyn Esola, a San Francisco girl, trained at the Stanford University School of Nursing. She arrived at Letterman on August 15, 1944, and became a registered nurse on November 23. Like Lieutenant Knapp, she made immediate application for enrollment in the Army Nurse Corps, and becomes one of the first two of the Letterman cadets to be accepted. Lieutenant Esola also comes from a family well represented in the service. She has one brother in the Sea Bees and one in the Naval Air Corps. Captain Timewell, director of the Letterman cadets, states that several more of the girls have made application, and it is hoped that they may shortly become Army nurses.



FIRST LETTERMAN CADETS JOIN A.N.C.

Captain Shirley Timewell, Cadet Alice Cole Knapp, Lieutenant William R. Moody, Cadet Evelyn Esola and Lieutenant Evelyn Barbier as the two cadets took the oath making them members of the Army Nurse Corps.

Ladies of Press Are Guests of General Hillman

A distinguished gathering of women writers met in conference with Birgadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman General Hospital, on Tuesday, January 16, to aid in the recruiting drive for civilian personnel for the hospital. The guests of the general represented all the local press and included Mrs. Zilpha Estcourt, of the Chronicle; Miss Ethel Bogardus, of the News; Mrs. Edith Bristol, of the Call-Bulletin; Miss Hazel Holly of the Examiner; Mrs. Mary Boden of the Shopping News; Miss Joyce Mayhew, of the San Francisco Argonaut; Mrs. Cecil Cooley, of the Women's Chamber of Commerce; Miss Vivian Juri, of the Catholic Monitor, and Mrs. Florence Birkhead, Public Relations, United States Civil Service Commission. Also present at the conference, from the Letterman staff, were Major Leslie D. Snyder, MAC, director of the Personnel Division; Lieutenant Marie LePine, WAC, chief of Civilian Personnel, and 2nd Lieutenant Elizabeth Reese, WAC, Public Relations Officer.

In General Hillman's speech to the group, he gave an outline of the growth and activities of the hospital, pointing out the reasons for the immediate need of an increase in the civilian personnel.

Major Snyder stated that the excellent cooperation of the press with the drive has already gone far toward helping to fill the needs of the hospital in obtaining more civilian help. The conference was followed by lunch in the officer patients' mess, with the newspaper women as guests of the general.

HIS BUSINESS WAS LIFESAVING--HE'S STILL AT IT

Kneeling over a wounded buddy at a forward position on Mount Alafan during the battle of Guam, Private First Class John P. Anderson, 34, of Monmouth Beach, New Jersey, an aid man assigned to an Infantry unit was shot in the right leg with one of the Japs' most destructive missiles—a .31 caliber bullet which explodes on contact.

Private Anderson, despite intense pain, continued to dress his comrade's wound. Then, he applied a tourniquet to his own leg. That accomplished, he dragged the wounded rifleman 50 yards, taking him to partial cover behind a tree. He hailed a fellow aid man, Private First Class Joseph Perino of Brooklyn, New York.

Fragments of the explosive bullet had been scattered through Private Anderson's leg. Satisfied that the rifleman to whose rescue he had gone had received proper emergency treatment for a chest wound, he asked Perino to take a look at the shattered leg.

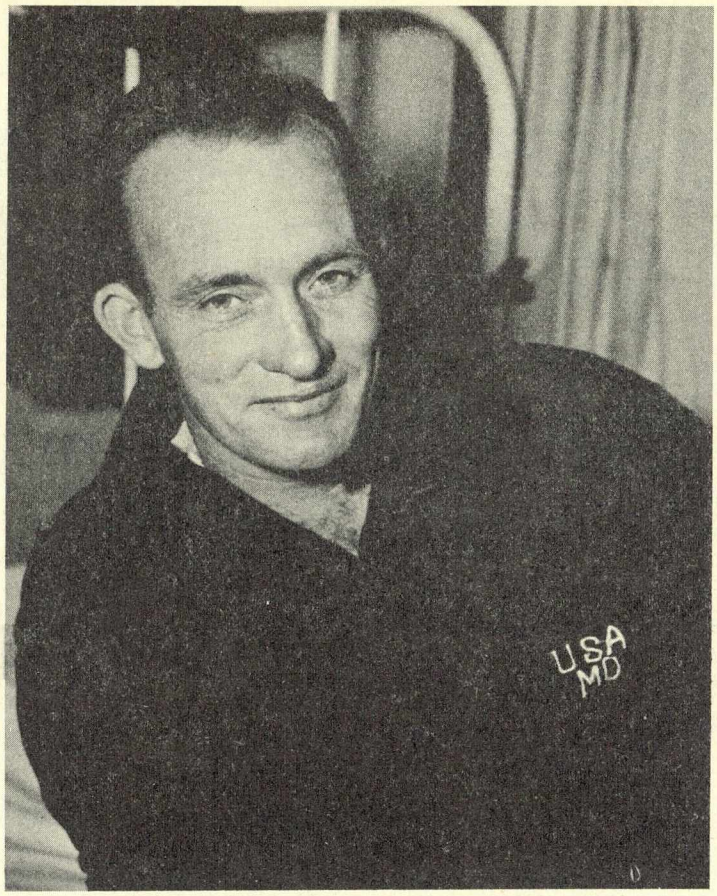
As Perino bent over Anderson, another Jap sniper opened fire and sent a bullet through Perino's jaw. And now Anderson had another first aid task.

"Then," Private Anderson said in an interview at Letterman, "our tanks rolled up the side of the mountain and opened fire, riflemen went into action and chased the Japs away, and all three of us, the wounded Doughboy, Perino, and myself, were put on litters and carried to waiting jeeps. In less than two hours I was on board a hospital ship.

"The soldier whose chest wound I dressed recovered quickly. He came to see me before he went back into action. 'Pal,' he told me, 'I want to thank you for saving my life.' I told him I was glad I'd saved his life, all right, but I was just doing my job."

Private Anderson was wounded August 3. He had been in combat three weeks. Every day and night of action brought for the medical soldier, who was attached to an assault company of the 77th Infantry Division, its full share of violent battle, narrow escapes, and continuing excitement, marked, he said, by the unwaveringly high morale of the Doughboys.

"The excitement began the first night we were ashore," he said. "We landed just before dusk, advanced inland 500 yards, and dug in for the night on a knoll. That night the Japs attempted to infiltrate in force and there were grenade duels all over the place. Our company had 13 casualties, so there was a lot of work for me.



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN P. ANDERSON, of Monmouth Beach, New Jersey, described in an interview there his experiences during the battle of Guam, in which he served with the 77th Infantry Division as a medical aid man. He was wounded by a sniper as he was bandaging a buddy's wound. Despite his own injury he completed his mission, then dragged the other man to cover. A former lifeguard at Monmouth Beach, Private Anderson, who warmly praised the fighting spirit of the Doughboys with whom he served, has been awarded the Purple Heart.

"When morning came we discovered why the Japs had been so persistent in their attempts to infiltrate. In the darkness, we'd dug in atop an ammunition dump they'd had to abandon when the first invasion waves started driving ashore, and they'd sent in suicide troops to try to set off the dump and blow us all to bits.

"That was a weird night, with star shells and flares brightening the sky, grenades popping all over the place, and Japs slithering around on the ground. It had been arranged beforehand that we all were to stay in our holes, and so any man who wasn't in a foxhole was a Jap and a target for a grenade. There were times, of course, when I got permission to leave my hole to go to the aid of the wounded, and I kept calling out recognition signals so the boys wouldn't heave away at me.

"As soon as it was light, a Jap machinegun nest, which had been set upon the beach during the night, opened up on us, but a rifle squad went down and made short work of it."

Private Anderson proudly declared that his company "led the division all the way through" the Guam campaign.

"We were faster than the Marines," he grinned, "and there's nothing a Doughboy likes better than that. There was a time when we were to take high ground while the Marines approached from another direction, and we were to join forces with them on the hill. We were to reach the objective at 10 A.M., but we got there an hour and a half sooner, because the flame thrower and grenade teams knocked out the Jap pillboxes in such a hurry.

"As it turned out, that speed proved a bad thing. Observers far away spotted men moving on the hill and thought that it must be Japs and that we needed air support. So dive bombers came over and started dropping eggs. One Doughboy proved the hero of that occasion. He went right up where the bombs were falling fastest and thickest and spread out a recognition panel so the dive bombers would lay off. He saved a lot of lives."

Private Anderson chuckled as he recalled what happened to a Jap who apparently had intended to hurl a grenade at him during the assault on the hill.

"The Jap," he said, "jumped out of the pillbox with a grenade in his hand, looked at me, and lifted his arm to throw. I thought, 'Oh, Oh, here it comes.' Just then one of our machineguns, some distance behind me, started chattering and the Jap went down with a flock of machinegun bullets in him and the grenade still in his hand, unexploded.

"A lot of guys had lucky breaks that morning. One of our BAR men got hit in the ammunition belt with a shell fragment, but all that happened was that the belt was bent."

Minimizing his own courage with the repeated assertion "I was only doing my duty." Private Anderson admitted that without regard to his safety he administered aid to many casualties under intense enemy machinegun, rifle, and mortar fire.

"I expect," he said, "that our company saw as much action on Guam as any outfit did. The company commander, Captain Curtin, was so good that every time we were pulled out of the line to go in reserve for awhile they'd send us right back up front again when

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SCENES OF FUN ADDED TO LETTERMAN PICTURE ALBUM



LUCK OF THE IRISH STILL HOLDS
When Private Robert C. Lee finds a thick steak ready for him at his first meal at Letterman after returning from overseas.

EACH LITTLE WHISPER
Seems to cheer him when Betty Sauter of the telephone company is the whisperer over the speaker to Corporal Lester Robertson.

IT'S EASY TO SMILE
When Gloria Rowland greets newly returned from overseas Lieutenant Paul F. Irwin on his arrival at Letterman.

THREE IS NOT A CROWD
But a pleasure, when it's composed of Georgia Morrison, Sid Worthington and Doris Sether, of the telephone company, giving forth with a little close harmony to entertain the patients in the wards.

GADGETS GALORE
Are demonstrated by telephone company cuties, Georgia Morrison, Doris Sether, and Betty Sauter to Privates Robert Colburn, Richard Allred and Robert Manning during show in the wards.

THE FOG HORN

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SAFETY FIRST

The Seventy-ninth Congress, which convened January 3, will be in session during what well may be the most critical period in our national history. With nearly 12,000,000 men and women now in the armed services and the end of hostilities not in sight, the welfare of the United States will depend upon how well our representatives in Congress plan for our future safety from without and the preservation of law and order within.

Twice in the past 25 years our armed forces have been called upon to protect the homeland.

Another war may come faster and more furiously than the present war came. Therefore, military and naval preparedness may mean life or death for the United States as a nation.

For the future preservation of our institutions, therefore, it is the consensus of opinion among legislators, public officials and military experts that the time has arrived for compulsory military and naval training of boys reaching the age of eighteen. Legislation was initiated in the Seventy-eighth Congress, but failed of action in committee rooms. In no other way can a reserve force be created or maintained. Besides the military and naval education obtained during the year of service, the nation will reap untold benefits from the disciplinary training and physical improvement of the young men and their respect for our institutions.



A hearty welcome this week is extended to 2nd Lieutenants **Mary B. Masker** and **Barbara Hartman.**

Miss Masker comes to us from Fort Ord, Calif., and has the distinctionof being the first nurse in Panama to be inducted into the Army Nurse Corps. Before coming into the service she served with the United Fruit Company.

Miss Hartman comes to LGH in the capacity of a "recruiting nurse" under a new program being installed here. She reports for duty here after a tour of duty at the DeWitt General Hospital in Auburn, Calif.

"Walking encyclopedia" could be the new title for 2nd Lieutenant **Ola V. Baxter** after she walked away with a $10 prize recently on a radio quiz program, when she answered all questions and got 100 per cent in the final scoring.

Though not a competitor in the quiz—runner up to Miss Baxter is 1st Lieutenant **Evelyn Barbier** who could take a prize in answering questions pertaining to agriculture. Her solution for the problem of proper irrigation facilities in connection with a cactus plant is truly amazing.

From the cadet nurses boss' office comes reports of recent departures. This week—leaving the group are: Misses **Yolanda Haydu, June Haight, Marilynn L. Hinds, Vida P. Morser, Rose M. Beam, Doroles L. Bettencourt, Evelyn Loomis** and **Clarita J. Wood.**

In place of the above departures will follow the arrivals of: Misses **Beth V. Craddock, Geraldine Kidd, Irene C. Lai, Jeanette Riechers, Marilynn I. Scheler, Robert M. Spears** and **Nell Mae Saunders.**

On Monday of this week a group of nurses went on tour of the University of California, alma mater of Lieutenant Baxter, who led the group. The visitors to U. C. were **Captain Shirley Timewell** and Lieutenants **Margaret J. Giles** and **Jessie A. Whytoshek.** They visited the Art Gallery and other spots of interest.

"Having a wonderful time—wish you were here"—would be the appropriate phrase for 1st Lieutenant **Christine Kording** since she is on leave for a few days. Her whereabouts is a military secret!

THE OBSERVER SAW

Sgt. **Dan Brock,** of the Signal Corps photographic laboratory, bidding his many Letterman friends adieu, as he not too reluctantly prepared to move to a new post in his own home town of Los Angeles.

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Private **Walter "Wolf" MacMullin,** long a patient at Letterman, dropping in to visit all the pretty girls at Letterman.

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The Public Relations department expanding to include both offices 213 and 215, with a resultant increased hum of typewriters.

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Lieutenants **Robert C. Betchtol,** MC, and **Guy C. Tetirick,** Chaplain, trading in their silver bars for double ones.

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Captain **"Bunny" Edwards** and his swing shift moving to new offices in the Service Club.

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Lieutenant **Nathan Levinson,** assistant Presidio Chaplain, beamingly confessing that he had gone over to the Navy by recently wedding Ensign Dorothy Wisenberg.

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Lieutenant **Jack Free,** of the dental clinic, stopping the show with some first class tenor sax playing with the Letterman orchestra.

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Warrant Officer **Charles E. Shoemaker,** newly assigned to the post, and already recruited for action with the Letterman-Presidio "Buckos" basketball team.

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Sergeant **Charles Wilcox** recovered enough from his illness to drop over from Dante Annex and pay a call on his friends in the machine shop.

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The new pool table in the Service Club getting a real workout these days, with Sergeant **Bob Bement** running consistently among the winners.

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Major **Lester J. Sawyer** standing up well under the extra load of having the Special Service plus Information and Education branches coming under Reconditioning.

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Captain **Bob Shaeffer,** formerly with the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School, saying goodbye to Letterman friends and explaining that he expects to be taking a sea trip soon.

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Captain **Don Pratt** brushing up on the familiar form in French as he tries to translate a perfumed billet-doux newly received.

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A race of the Officer-of-the-Day, both medical and surgical, to the mess hall, as their numbers increase.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 21, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

General Hillman In Two Radio Interviews

Emphasizing the urgent need for civilian help at Letterman, General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, spoke over radio station KSFO in the Mark Hopkins Hotel on Monday afternoon at 12:45 and radio station KGO, Radio City, on Friday afternoon at 2:30. General Hillman traced the early history of the hospital to its present status as one of the largest Army general hospitals in the country and the consequent immediate need for additional civilian help.

Sergeant X Will Please Respond

If the red-headed sergeant, name unknown, stationed at Letterman, who came from a trip to Oregon via Greyhound bus on January 3, will call at the Public Relations Office, we can help him to locate the articles he left on the bus. As our informant tells us that he has newly become a father, we can understand his forgetfulness.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



WILLIAM D. PATTERSON
Pvt., Med. Det.

Our "buck of this week" is Private William D. Patterson, a native of Ada, Okla., and a true nephew of Uncle Sam.

In October of 1943, Patterson enlisted in the Army when he felt that his services at the paper mill, where he was employed, were not helping very substantially to win the war.

"All of the young fellows at the plant had enlisted or were drafted," he said, "and I felt that I was more or less shirking my duties, so I enlisted. I knew that my family would be provided for and that I would be of more value in the service doing my share."

The private was inducted at Fort Sill, Okla. From there he moved to the place the medical man considers an 'idea for capital punishment'—Camp Barkeley, Texas, where he received his basic training. Eighteen weeks were spent here and then he went for three months to Fort Douglas, Utah, from whence he was sent back to Barkeley. This time he endured it for eight weeks, repeating the training previously accomplished. After two months of this he was transferred to Camp Stoneman the first location of his Army career as a medic. He had no sooner arrived there than he was shipped to Letterman—and to Patterson "this was a paradise" he declared. Since the time of his arrival he has been working on Ward No. 1 where he performs the duties of a corpsman, and accomplishes the job which he originally had set out to do—by serving the returning veterans, and caring for them.

Pvt. Patterson received all of his education in the Oklahoma city of his birth, and upon completion of his studies secured a job with the paper mill in 1932. Since that time he has married and proudly talks of his three sons and one daughter who reside with their mother in Ada.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE ENEMY; WARN ARMY AUTHORITIES

The average Japanese soldier is an ignorant peasant and a bandy-legged runt of a weakling who is no match physically or mentally for an American soldier. That's what Americans believe who haven't had anything to do with Japanese soldiers.

Americans who have fought them know better. The Jap soldier has great strength and endurance. Jap patrols have been known to start out at midnight and make a point 60 miles away by next afternoon, marching steadily without a break.

In a recent report, the OWI also scotched the commonly held belief that the average Jap is an illiterate dope; 99.6% of the total population can read or write—better than we can say for the United States— and the average Jap soldier has had at least two years in high school, which is also the average for the American G. I.

According to OWI, the Jap soldiers are just about our equals in fighting ability, endurance and all other departments except one. Their one fault is lack of individual initative.

On the other hand, the Japs are hard fighters and dangerous because they place a low value on human life, particularly their own. They have two great incentives to risk their lives: (1) the belief, taught from infancy, that their Emperor is divine and that the greatest glory of the Jap is to die for the Emperor; and (2) the fear encouraged by the officers that if they surrender, they will be tortured and killed.



Gen Douglas MacArthur led a mighty assault force ashore on Luzon, largest and most important of the Philippine Islands, to engage the enemy in the greatest land battle of the Pacific war. At stake are control of the entire Philippine chain, the harbor of Manila, capital of the islands, the Cavite Naval Base and numerous fine airfields. The Japs drove us from the Philippines early in 1942 after they cut off any possibility of supplies and reinforcement by the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Strategically located Luzon is the master key to the conquest of Japan from the sea.

ON THE SPOT



LAMON C. GILLESPIE
Pvt., Infantry

'On The Spot' this week is Private Lamon C. Gillespie, of Randolph, Mississippi. He saw two dim shapes running through the drizzle toward his foxhole so he cracked down on one with six shots from his M-1 rifle, he said, "But the second Jap threw five grenades into the hole from close range and in quick succession.

"I think one of the men in the hole with me threw the first grenade back out," chuckled Lamon, "but the other four exploded. I didn't know until the next morning how many of the men in the hole with me were alive. We were right in the front lines and they couldn't get us out until morning. One of my buddies was dead and the other three were hit badly. I was peppered in both legs."

Private Gillespie was in the invasion of Anaur, in the Palau Islands, with the 81st Infantry Division, one of the last operations in the securing of the Central Pacific flank for General MacArthur's return to the Philippines.

"I was in an antitank company and my regular job was laying land mines," he said, "but we were trained for everything, and I was a rifleman on Angaur. For the first week after we went in, they had us guarding the beach against any Jap attempts to sneak in behind us in boats. Then they sent us up to reinforce another company that had taken a number of losses in cleaning out strong Jap cave positions.

"Our tanks had knocked out a big gun the Japs had been using from one of the caves, but there were plenty of Jap riflemen holed up there.

The night I was hit, September 28, was 11 days after we invaded. The island was mostly coral and limestone, and there were few places you could dig a hole. You usually had to build one."

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week: M/Sgt. Joseph S. Moucressen, T/4th Gr. Edward F. Fink, T/5th Gr. William E. Hutchinson, T/5th Gr. Richard E. Maggenti, Pvts. Ralph M. Bradshaw, Albert D. Clemmer, Ellis C. Thacker and John N. Schutz.

Furloughs are still the order of the day—and the following men received their furloughs during the past week: T/4th Gr. Oren A. Fuller, Pvts. Lee Wilder and Joseph B. Henson, each with 23 days; Sgt. Alvin L. Rice, T/4th Gr. Henry D. Schockley and T/5th Gr. Aubray C. Wofford—with 21 days; Pvt. Rolf W. Brandt with 19 days; T/4th Gr. Charles H. Hicks and Pvt. Theodore R. Otterstetter each with 15 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pfc. Ben Dembek proudly exclaiming "It's a boy!" when he learned, by wire, that his wife gave birth to a son on the 9th of January. Congratulations, Ben.

T/5th Gr. John Barsocchini back on the job again and looking mighty fit after his furlough which was spent down on the Peninsula.

The restful appearance of Cpl. Joseph P. Sansome after his Christmas holidays at home.

The new prescribed diet for that "second wind" — adapted by Cpl. Elias Tamey in the early afternoon —one quart of ice cream.

The newest addition on the ward S-1 staff (?)—Sgt. Lou D. Slott—and in whites too.

S/Sgt. Rudolph O. Shellhorn talking back to a Master Sergeant—tsk, tsk. (It was a pinochle game!)

Both Letterman bowling teams doing very well as they both lead their prospective leagues.

S/Sgt. Leonard P. Bell talking about his little daughter. (She walks already and has three teeth at six months.)

Still inseparable—"the gold-dust triplets" of LGH radio fans. Guess who?

NEW ARMY HOSPITAL CAR CARRIES 36 PATIENTS

The Army's new specially designed hospital car, which costs $56,000, accommodates 36 patients and two attendants, the Ninth Service Command Surgeon said today.

SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS— AND SHE'S WORKING TO GET IT



MRS. DONNA CANNON
Secretary to the Chief of Receiving and Evacuation

Since history began people have wanted and wished for all manner of things, from Aladdin and his lamp to some of our well known politicians, and they haven't always been happy when they achieved their desires. But we predict that the case is going to be different with Mrs. Donna Rae Cannon, who is serving at Letterman as secretary to Colonel Harvey F. Hendrickson, chief of Receiving and Evacuation Branch.

In the first place, Donna's wishes are on a much more modest scale than those of the fabled Aladdin, and, secondly, we think that she is a young lady who very definitely knows what will make her happy. When the war is over, she wants only to be a housewife, to experiment with all the recipes she constantly clips from magazines, and to have her husband, now overseas with the Army for 19 months, never straying far from the door. With all of which her husband heartily agrees.

Donna, whose gracious manner gives the lie to her red hair, came to Letterman two years ago and has worked in many departments in the hospital. Her first position was in the sick and wounded office; from there she transferred to the CDD branch. Then for a time she was with the registrar before taking her present position in the rapidly expanding receiving and evacuation office.

In spite of her youth, she has had quite a variety of experience. She went to school in Denver, Colo., and proceeded from that to teaching the first grade in Sanger, Calif. True to California tradition, the Sanger first grade offered more variety and interest than most primary grades in other states. Her pupils were largely Mexican, Spanish and Armenian, and it was necessary to teach them to speak English before she could take them on to further studies.

After coming to San Francisco, where she met the present Pfc. John J. Cannon, she spent five months working in the Presidio with the Ninth Service Command. With that orientation she came to Letterman where she has become one of our most liked civilian employees. Being "received" by Donna is a privilege to put any returned G.I. in a cheerful frame of mind.

Radio Programs Prove Highly Successful

About six months ago when Captain Andrew R. Edwards, Jr., of the Information and Education Branch, took over operations in the radio room, he decided that it would be a good outlet for post talent and also provide entertainment for the patients. With Sergeant Herbert Goldstein as writer and producer, Pfc. Bob Anderson, musical director and sound effects man, and Cpl. Bob Colvig as announcer and production man, the program has been in full swing ever since.

The program of local talent is broadcast every Tuesday at 12:15 from the stage of the recreation center throughout the hospital.

The programs consist of 15 minute newscasts, a series of 15 minute dramas for the Personal Affairs office, singing by the Letterman thrush, Mrs. Kathleen Tracy, request musical programs, recordings and a variety show called "Contrasts in Music," with an all-talent cast. This last offers contrasting styles of music by Letterman musicians, the songs of Cpl. Hugh Ashley and Kathleen Tracy, and music by the Letterman swing trio, Anderson, Ashley and Barsocchini. The program has been very well received by both the patients and the staff of the hospital.

A cordial invitation is extended to anyone who can contribute to the show to turn their names in and list their specialties with the Special Service Office at the Letterman Service Club.

Putting vehicles on blocks in England during the long weeks of waiting prior to invasion provided the Army with good sound tires, worth their weight in gold now on the fronts in France and Germany, Holland and Belgium. Blocks hewn from surrounding woodlands were the preventive maintenance that saved priceless rubber.

Winter is not very considerate of rifles, pistols or other small arms. Moisture condenses on small arms, which have been exposed to low temperatures and then brought into warm buildings. Therefore, the pieces should be wiped dry and re-oiled after they have been warmed up to building temperature.

The Stork Was Here

To Captain and Mrs. William P. Cappleman, a son, William Pollard, born 12 January; weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. Emmet Tinley, a son, Michael Ernest, born 12 January; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond E. Berlin, a son, William George, born 12 January; weight 5 pounds 9 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Leonard E. Hart, a son, Vincent Eugene, born 12 January; weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas H. French, a daughter, Helen Virginia, born 11 January; weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To 2nd Lieutenant and Mrs. Leslie P. Iverson, a son, Steven Leslie, born 10 January; weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Charles B. Plante, a son, Peter Charles, born 9 January; weight 8 pounds 1 ounce.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Paul C. Strong, a son, Barry James, born 13 January; weight 6 pounds 3 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Moshe M. Gold, a daughter, Ruth, born 13 January; weight 5 pounds 1 ounce.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Roy N. Parker, a daughter, Patricia Ann, born 13 January; weight 8 pounds 2 ounces.

Letterman Hospital Joins The March Of Dimes

The annual "March of Dimes" for the control of infantile paralysis officially opens throughout the nation on January 14, continuing until the President's birthday ball on January 30. Posters with the familiar "milk bottle" will be distributed throughout the hospital ready to receive the contributions of dimes from all civilian and military personnel.

Even while our armies are fighting so courageously on the battlefronts against human enemies, we on the home front must continue the fight against just as vicious an enemy . . . infantile paralysis. Here as throughout the nation we are acutely aware of the scourge of infantile paralysis, and the need for control. During the second worst epidemic of this dreaded disease last year, many victims were the families of servicemen.

All officer, enlisted and civilian personnel of Letterman have in the past given wholehearted support to the drive. This year we must better our record. When you pass one of those milk bottles, give your dime.

SOME LIKE IT COLD—SOME HOT, MR. SCOTT LIKES SAN FRANCISCO



MR. JESSE W. SCOTT, AUS
Assistant to the Chief of Receiving and Evacuation

He looks too young for it to seem possible, but Mr. Jesse W. Scott, assistant to the receiving and evacuation officer, assures us that he has been in the Army since 1934. And except for one year and eight months, his service has been continuous. He wears the ribbon for American defense, the Asiatic Pacific theater and the American theater.

Mr. Scott enlisted in the Army at Vincennes, Ind., his home town, if an Army man can be said to have a home town, and his first service was in Honolulu. He was stationed at Fort Ruger in the islands for a year and spent another year at Fort De Russy there, with the Coast Artillery. It was immediately following this tour of duty that the one break in his Army service occurs. He re-enlisted at Fort McDowell and joined the 4th Infantry at Fort Missoula, Mont. His next assignment gave him plenty of variety from the first. He was sent to Anchorage, Alaska, with the 1st Battalion of the 4th Infantry in June of 1940. He spent four years and three months there, and when he tells us how much he liked it, we wonder if the fact that he met and married Mrs. Scott there didn't have something to do with his fondness for Alaska. Mrs. Scott had been in Alaska with the finance officer of the U. S. Army.

In October of 1940, Mr. Scott went into the Headquarters Alaskan Department, where his duties kept him travelling with the Inspector General most of the time. His itinerary reads like a Cooks' tour of Alaska. He covered the territory from Ketchikan to White Horse in British Columbia. He went to Fairbanks, Nome, Kodiak, Adak, Kiska, Shemya and Attu. In the Aleutians, he tells us, there was continual fog all day long, and the bitter cold was even more harsh because of the constant wind. In Fairbanks where the temperature sometimes reaches 60 or 70 below zero, it was necessary to walk slowly to avoid freezing the lungs.

Mr. Scott came to Letterman Hospital in November of the past year and was assigned to the position he still holds in the receiving and evacuation office. He likes both his job and San Francisco, as does Mrs. Scott. And after hearing a little about winters in Alaska, we weren't in the least surprised.

"Quartermasters at War" Coming Attraction

The Quartermaster show has come to town, and it's free and open to the public! With a setting as complete as a Hollywood musical, a group of more than 100 Army personnel, and equipment ranging from the soldier's fighting weapons to bread baking in the oven, the show will be held at the Oakland Armory, 10th and Fallon Streets, beginning Tuesday evening January 29 and extending through February 4. Raised platforms, bleachers, chairs, complete public address systems, spot-lighting, are all designed to give each spectator a feeling of "front row center."

Presented by the Office of The Quartermaster General ,Washington, D.C., in cooperation with the California Quartermaster Depot, the theme of the show will be "the American Soldier in Combat," the clothes she wears . . . the food he eats . . . the equipment he uses . . . the fuels that transport him! The extensive exhibit will include a demonstration of the 10-in-1 ration, the D, C and K ration, life-boat and other emergency rations; American uniforms for the jungles and desert, for cold climates and the Artic, modeled by GI's and WACs; the personal equipment carried by U. S. soldiers to enable them to live and fight as efficiently and comfortably as possible. One of the most vital items of supply to our armed forces —fuels and lubricants will be shown in the testing laboratory ,in transit, and being dispensed in the famed five gallon "blitz" can for use at the front lines.

Doors will open at 6:30 p. m. on week days and at 2 p. m. on Sundays except for January 29 when it will be closed all day.

BEATING SUN BOWS TO BETTER BUTTER

Carter's spread, used as butter in tropical climates by the Army, has an 85 per cent content and will not melt at less than 110 degrees Fahrenheit, it was pointed out today by the Ninth Service Command Quartermaster.

DEHYDRATED FOOD SERVED OVERSEAS

A full course, palatable dinner, utilizing any of more than 22 different dehydrated foods can be made by overseas "Gee-Eye" cooks, the Ninth Service Command Quartermaster declared today.

Letterman Buckos Suffer First Loss In Sunday's Game

The Presidio-Letterman Buckos were handed their first defeat last Sunday at Kezar in the Northern California Basketball Association League by the Marinship five who beat them by the score of 38 to 35. The game was really a thriller as it ended in a deadlock the score being 29 to 29. Then to add another thrill to the game the first overtime period ended 33 to 33.

A sidecourt shot by Edwards made it 35 to 33 in the second extra period before Solamon connected from midcourt and Liss took a short pass from Johnson and hit a one-hand hook shot for Marin. A personal by Forward Bob Rempel of Presidio made it 38-35 for Marinship after Edwards was fouled by Liss while shooting and missed both foul line tosses.

Remple was high man for the Buckos scoring 12 points and for his efforts was voted for by the sports writers as an honorable mention for the team of the week in a forward spot. Remple was followed by Edwards who made 11 points. This was the second game that the Buckos played in this league and now have one win and one loss to their record.

Following are the results of the game:

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	fg	ft	tp
Rempel, f	5	2	12
Puterbaugh, f	1	0	2
Edwards, c	4	3	11
Slott, g	3	0	6
Pietrzak, g	2	0	4
Total	15	5	35

MARINSHIP

Hunter, f	4	1	9
Liss, f	4	1	9
Salomon, c	4	2	10
Johnson, g	2	3	7
Pilcher, g	1	1	3
Yancey, c	0	0	0
Total	15	8	38

"DOUGHBOY" PA HAD LESS EDUCATION THAN GI SON

Of the soldiers in the present war 23.3 per cent are high school graduates as compared to 3.5 per cent of the soldiers in World War I, the Ninth Service Command School division announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For Week of Jan. 22 to Jan. 29

MONDAY—			
Y.M.C.A. Variety Show	SSO & YMCA	1830	YMCA
Portrait Sketches by Mr. Fleming	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Make A Talking Record	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Table Tennis Exhibition	ARC	1900	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—			
A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Wards
Movie "Belle of The Yukon"	SSO	1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
Discussion by Lois Moran Young	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—			
Musical Bingo	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Belle of The Yukon"	SSO	1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—			
Featured Entertainers of the Warfield Stage Show	SSO	1430	Army YMCA
Movie "Women In The Window"	SSO	1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
Mrs. Laura Ross—Horoscope Reader	ARC	1830	Wards
Max Friedlander—Portrait Sketcher	ARC	1830	Wards
FRIDAY—			
A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Ward S-1
San Francisco Nite Club Party	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
Special Quiz Program	SSO	1400	Reconditioning
SATURDAY—			
Movie "Practically Yours"	SSO	1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
Popcorn Party	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—			
Sunday Afternoon Tea—Open House,	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Practically Yours"	SSO	1830 & 2030	Rec. Hall

POLLY CADET . . .



MORE ABOUT JOHN P. ANDERSON

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there was a tough job to be done, because the whole division had the feeling that 'Captain Curtin's gang can do it.' "

Private Anderson told of the gratitude and joy of the Guam natives liberated from concentration camps in the interior of the island where many of them had been held since Guam's fall to the Japs more than 18 months ago.

"They were pitiful in their attempts to make us understand how glad they were we had come," he said. "Many of them were on the verge of starvation, and all of them told stories of terrible mistreatment at the hands of the Nips. Even the Chamorros who hadn't been put in concentration camps said the Japs had stolen everything of value they had."

Private Anderson's wife, Mrs. Eileen Anderson, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Anderson, Sr., live at 14 Wesley Street, Monmouth Beach. For 10 years prior to entering the service, the Infantry "medic" was a lifeguard on the New Jersey resort's famed strand. He has been in the Army three years and received his basic training at Camp Pickett, Virginia, and with the 77th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

A warning to take care of tentage comes from the Maintenance Division, ASF, which reports that item a critical one due to so many troops overseas needing a hurried, temporary shelter.

208,510 Veterans Get Pension Pay

Washington (CNS)—As of Dec. 31, 1944, a total of 208,510 veterans of this war were receiving pensions for service-connected disabilities, the Veterans Administration revealed. The cost of pensions for World War II soldiers had risen $40,513,789 over 1943.

One Man War

Western Front (CNS) — Since Nov 9, Lt Ramond J. Albano, former ranch foreman of Emall, Idaho, has been credited with: killing 82 Germans, capturing 31, knocking out 21 machine guns, 2 88 mm. cannon and 2 20 mm. guns. His formula: "Keep moving, keep firing, but especially keep moving.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Letterman Honored By Visit of The Surgeon General

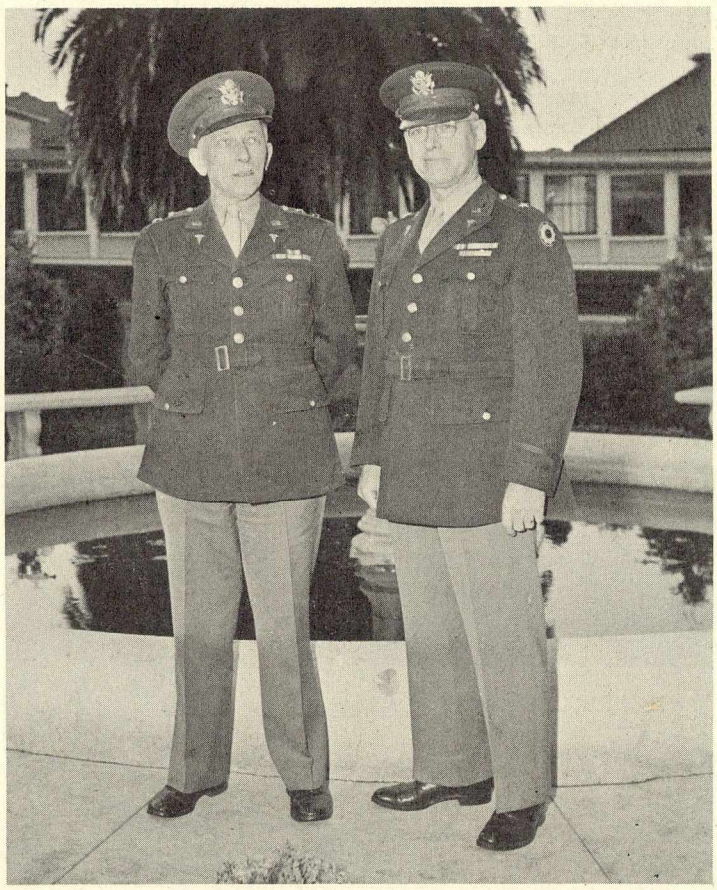
Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, arrived at Letterman, Tuesday, January 23, on a formal inspection trip. He was accompanied by Brigadier General John F. Davis, USA, Assistant Director, Information and Education Branch, Army Service Forces; Brigadier General James S. Simmons, USA, Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, and Colonel Arthur B. Welch, MC, Overseas Hospital Division, Office of The Surgeon General. Escorted by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, USA, Commanding General, the distinguished visitors inspected the medical and surgical wards at the hospital and other activities.

In the afternoon General Kirk addressed the nurses and officers of the command, stressing the fact that the buck private in the infantry carries the weight of the battle, and the medical department must keep him in condition to fight. In emphasizing this point, he explained the extent and degree of surgery at the front, giving a detailed description of the immediate surgical care wounded men are given under the very guns of the enemy. Four or five days later, at a base hospital behind the lines, the wounded men are resting comfortably and their wounds are in good condition because of their excellent care. General Kirk also paid high tribute to the Army nurse, and stressed the critical need for more nurses.

Following his talk, General Kirk received the members of the press. Briefly he summarized the accomplishments and aims of the medical department, giving figures to back up his statements. He reported that casualties last month totaled 32,000 and that an increase may be expected. He stressed the fact that general hospitals can no longer follow their original policy of sending men close to their homes because in many instances due to geographical location this is impossible. Although the Army is now adopting the policy of sending returning veterans to those particular hospitals which specialize in their type of injury, an effort is made to locate them as close to home as feasible. In reference to blind casualties, General Kirk reported that the rate of blindness was one-quarter of that anticipated, the number of totally blind in hospitals being between 200 and 225. Amputation cases in hospitals total 4000.

In reply to questions General Kirk said he believed among the greatest

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THE SURGEON GENERAL AT LETTERMAN
Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army (left), pausing in the patio of the Letterman gardens with Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, Commanding General, during a visit of inspection here.

Reception Held Tuesday Evening For General Kirk

Artistically decorated with acacia blossoms and calla lilies the Letterman Officers Club was the scene of a colorful reception honoring Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, and members of his party Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Receiving the guests were Major General Norman T. Kirk, Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, USA, and Mrs. Hillman; Brigadier General James S. Simmons, USA; Colonel Arthur B. Welsh, MC; Mrs. William D. Herbert, and Mrs. Brown S. McClintic.

At a beautifully arranged table, agleam with candles and silver, a buffet supper was served. Following the refreshments the evening was spent in dancing.

After receiving the guests, General Kirk visited with his friends, both civilian and retired Army medical officers.

Those in attendance at the party included Major General H. C. Pratt, USA, Commanding General, Western Defense Command; Brigadier General Clarence H. Kells, USA, Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, and Mrs. Kells; Brigadier General Wallace DeWitt, USA, former Commanding General of Letterman, and Mrs. DeWitt; Colonel H. H. Galliet, Infantry, Commanding Officer, Presidio of San Francisco; Colonel Horace Villars, MC, Port Surgeon, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, and Mrs. Villars; Colonel Arthur E. Rowland, CA, Post Commander, Fort Winfield Scott, and Mrs. Rowland; and Major A. R. Nelson, MC, Hospital Train Units, and Mrs. Nelson. Representing the Navy were,

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CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO FIVE NEW TECH SERGEANTS

When the President recently announced the creation of five-star rank for a group of our higher commanding generals and admirals, there was some excitement in military circles. But it was relatively nothing compared to the amount of raised eyebrows when five of our non-coms were last week elevated to the rank of Technical Sergeants.



JOSEPH S. LOPEZ
Tech. Sgt.

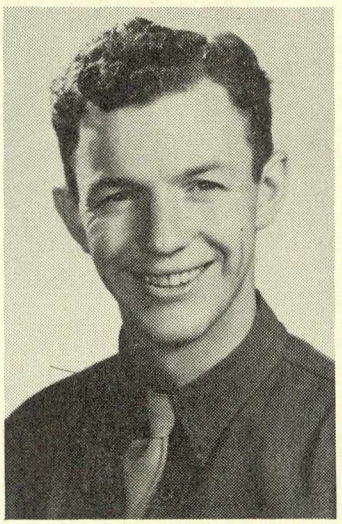
For a long time our enlisted men have been "frozen" in grade due to lack of openings in the higher grades. Men who have performed their duties faithfully and well had to remain in lower grades when the work assigned them really merited recognition in the form of promotion. With the so-called "log jam" broken we hope it will only be a matter of time until the other vacancies occur and the worthy men may be advanced.

The first to be congratulated on our list today is Technical Sergeant Joseph S. Lopez who was born in San Francisco and was inducted into the Army in 1942. He was assigned immediately to Letterman and has worked in the Receiving Office and at present is the NCO in charge there now. In civilian life he was an accountant. When the war is over he intends to settle in San Francisco and take over his father's laundry business.

He attended the University of San Francisco and speaks both French and Spanish fluently.

His hobbies are fishing, hunting and dancing. A little poker every now and then.

Next in line comes Technical Sergeant Lewin S. Villa, who was born in South Bend, Washington. He claims to be a true Washingtonian for he lived in this state 22 years before coming to California. He first settled in San Jose where he met the future Mrs. Villa and was married



LEWIN S. VILLA
Tech. Sgt.

on April 4, 1937. Shortly after he moved to Oakland, California, where he and three partners opened a large furniture and appliance store. He was enjoying a successful business operation when the long arm of Uncle Sam beckoned and he enlisted in the Army. He was sent to Monterey and from there he came to Letterman where he took his basic training before going to work in the Post Exchange, as a buyer. From here he went to the Chaplain's Office where he helped publish the Fog Horn and performed other various office duties. When the Reconditioning Program opened here Villa was picked to help get it under way and at present he is the NCI in charge of Reconditioning.

Villa spends most of his free time either talking or actually following his favorite pastimes, namely—fishing and hunting.

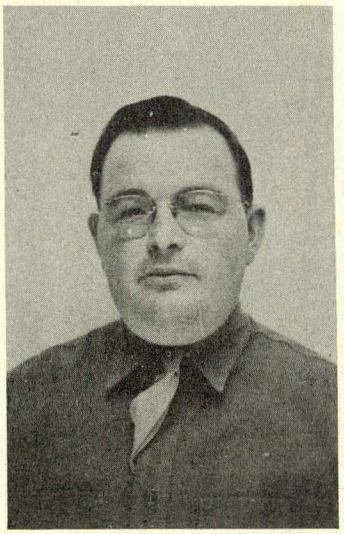
When the war is over he is going back into the furniture business.

Following him is Technical Sergeant John V. Ryan, our genial postmaster, who was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma—and ultimately graduating from San Bernardino Junior College and was with the Southern Pacific Company when he enlisted in the Army in 10 February, 1941. He was assigned to the post office where he learned his trade under the versatile Technical Sergeant James N. Strickland, who has since retired after 23 years in the post office.

Sergeant Ryan is still single and believes that if he can retain that status he is not far away to exceeding the record set by Sergeant Strickland's service as postmaster.

Now we get up to the third floor to congratulate Technical Sergeant Harry G. Thomas, our Personnel Sergeant Major.

He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he attended grade and



JOHN V. RYAN
Tech Sgt.

high schools. Later he went to Marquette University for two years, and completed his course at the University of Wisconsin getting his bachelor's degree in education. He enlisted in the Army on March of 1942 at Fort Sheridan, was a short time at Camp Grant and came to Letterman in June of the same year and has been with us ever since.



HARRY G. THOMAS
Tech Sgt.

Girls attention! He is also single.

Finally we have to include in our felicitations, Technical Sergeant Jerome C. Johnson, born in Ophein, Montana. He enlisted in the Army on 15 August, 1940 at Fort George Wright, Washington, D. C., and was sent to Letterman 19 August, 1940, and has been here ever since. All during his service he has been in the Neuro-psychiatric section and it was his fine cooperation with the medical staff there which brought about his inclusion on this list of promotions.

Letterman is proud of their five new Technical Sergeants.



JEROME C. JOHNSON
Tech Sgt.

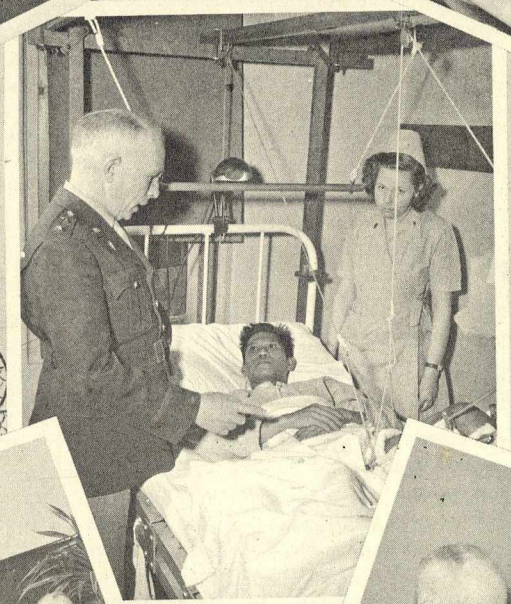
SURGEON GENERAL SPENDS A BUSY DAY AT LETTERMAN



GENERAL KIRK
Greeting the Nurses at the reception held in his honor. L to R. - General, 2nd Lt. Macie Wilcox, ANC., 2nd Lt. A. L. Taro, aide de camp, 1st Lieut. Dorothy Copenhaver, ANC, and 2nd Lt. Mary Flannigan, ANC.



THE SURGEON GENERAL
And Brig. General Hillman discussing the plans for the Letterman expansion program.



FILIPINO VETERAN
Wounded at Leyte being greeted by the Surgeon General. Cpl. Fred Arquillo smiling while Lieut. Lenora B. Jones, ANC stands by.



GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS
Interviewing The Surgeon General at a conference held in the staff room here. L to R - - Lt. Elizabeth Reese, PRO., Richard Praul, "Examiner," William Flynn, "Chronicle" and General Kirk.



GENERAL AND MRS. DE WITT
Cordially greeted by General Kirk at the evening reception.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

SNAFU

Is a word that has come out of this war. Originally British and made up from the initial letters of the sentence: "Situation Normal — All Fouled Up," it has been adopted by us and is a demonstration of our ability to see in a humorous light even adverse conditions.

Lately, it seems that our Army Postal Service could be tagged with that label. We know that mail from the folks at home, as well as mail from the fighting fronts has a definite morale value to all. We have been urged to write often to our men over there, and have been advised that V-mail always goes by air.

In our mail one day this week we had two letters from "Over There." One was sent "free" by ordinary mail and made the journey from "Somewhere in Italy" in twenty days. The other was written on a V-mail form and came through from "Somewhere in England" in its original form. Time from there to here — twenty-two days.

We are willing to give due meed of praise to any job well done, and for a long time we had a strong admiration for the manner in which the Army Postal Service delivered the mail. It is not difficult to imagine the obstacles which must be overcome in getting mail to our men on the fighting fronts. Munitions and food rate a priority in that direction. But what could take priority from the mail on the home bound trips of ships and plane? We do not know.

It is with reluctance that we feel moved to speak of the Army Postal Service with anything but acclaim. Yet in recent months the service has been such that only one word will describe it—

THE OBSERVER SAW

A new assistant adjutant—1st Lieut. **Frances V. Peterson**—in the front office. The last citadel surrenders.

New silver leaves on the shoulder loop of **Theodore P. Schomaker,** former Lettermanite and now Chief of the Surgical Service at Oakland Regional Hospital. Congratulations!!

Lieut. **Karl A. Gertenhouse** dripping with drapes these days. All material for the new reading room in the East Hospital.

Another generous donation of pipe tobacco for the patients from Mr. and Mrs. **Carl Weber,** of San Francisco.

Colonel **Arthur B. Welsh** looming large in the party attending the Surgeon General.

One steady customer at the PX Grill who loves bananas and ice cream. No prize for guessing who. Everyone knows her.

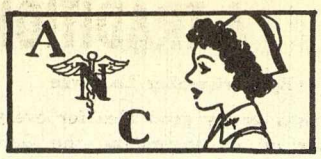
The first pansies appeared this week in the strip lining the main entrance. And we mean flowers.

Colonel **Thomas Christmas** back at his old job as Executive at Dibble and dropping in for a brief chat.

MORE ABOUT RECEPTION HELD

(Continued From Page 1)

Captain J. B. Owen, MC, Commanding Officer, Mare Island Naval Hospital and Captain H. H. Kessler, MC, Chief, Surgical Service, Mare Island Naval Hospital. Other guests included, Dr. J. C. Geiger, Director of Public Health, City and County of San Francisco, and Mrs. Geiger; Dr. Percival Dolman, President of the California State Board of Medical Examiners, and Mrs. Dolman; and Dr. William Otis Calloway, one-time member of the Letterman staff.



Returned to duty after a short period of illness is **Evelyn R. Gerner.** And this week our wishes for speedy recovery are extended to 2nd Lieutenant **Edna Earle** who was hospitalized during the past week.

Nurses come and then they go—and soon, much to the regret of the staff here, who have worked with them and come to know them—seven more nurses will leave the command for an unknown destination in the very near future. The group of seven received pre-embarkation leaves during the last week and the list included: 1st Lieutenants **Ruth M. Vallesky, Geraldine C. Haglund, Margaret E. Megill** and 2nd Lieutenant **Ann L. Wescoatt,** who each received 15 days. First Lieutenant **Katherine Trask** and 2nd Lieutenants **Virginia Scheidemann** and **Rennee M. Hall** received 10 days.

During the past week four cadets left LGH after having completed their six months of senior cadet training. Those returning to the respective hospitals for graduation—from whence they came are: Misses **Viola M. Maggini, Lorraine M. Sanford, Norma J. Young** and **Blanche E. Wohlfert.**

Three cadets will take their departure tomorrow. This group includes Misses **Anita Franklin, Ethel M. Spencer** and **Phyllis Tindell.**

Further reports on former Cadets **Alice C. Knapp** and **Evelyn Esola** who received their commissions last week into the corps as 2nd lieutenants—and they will report for duty at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, upon completion of their basic training at Fort Lewis.

First Lieut. **Ann B. Bakalar,** writing from "somewhere in England" mentions a phone chat with Lieut. **Fran Wagner** and plans for a date in London. Also repeats rumor that Lieut. **Regina Burnett** has been ordered home because of ill health, and reports that Captain **Cort Meyer** is at a hospital only four miles down the road. These Lettermanites do get together.

West Haverstraw, N. J. (CNS)—The trustees of this little village, who recently fired the police department, now have discarded the town judge, too. The reason—no crime.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, January 28, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Newcomer

Mrs. Mona Baker, recently on the staff of the Technical Information division of the Surgeon General's office has been transferred to Letterman Hospital and is now on duty in the Office of Public Relations and additional duty on the staff of the Foghorn.

Furlough Ration Privileges Are Explained by OPA

Service personnel on bona fida leave or furlough, including members of the merchant marine, are entitled to one gallon of gas per day, up to a maximum of 30 gallons in 30 days, 10 blue points for processed foods, and six red points for butter, meats and fats for each of the first nine meals. This information was contained in an announcement made recently by Robert B. Parks, San Francisco District Director of the Office of Price Administration.

Upon presentation of furlough papers to ration boards, allowances will be granted to service personnel. However, these allowances will not be issued to personnel on pass or liberty leaves.

Since there are also regulations governing the issuance of sugar, it is suggested that members of the armed forces contact local rationing boards who will also explain further allowances.

Here is the answer to the week's "What's My Name?" quiz which you'll find on page 2 of this week's FOG HORN.

My name is Lt. General James "Jimmy" Doolittle.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



GEORGE F. DORN,
Private, Medical Detach.

Featured as "Buck of this week" is Private George F. Dorn, of the medical detachment and corpsman on Ward B-1.

Born in Hook Creek of Long Island, New York. Private Dorn was raised in the suburb of Inwood where he received his education, and upon completion of his schooling went to work there in a butcher shop as a helper and delivery boy. He was working at this job before his induction at Camp Upton, New York in August of 1943. Five days were spent at Camp Upton and then he "pulled out" for Camp Grant, Illinois, where he was assigned to the Medical Corps and went into medical basic training there immediately.

A good deal of travel was in store for the 20-year-old private—for his next destination was Camp White, Oregon. He remained at this camp for three months driving an ambulance for a medical unit which was attached to the infantry. This tour of duty was one of his most enjoyable experiences since he started his Army career, and was interrupted quite suddenly when his unit was transferred to San Luis Obispo where they started amphibious training. Camp Callan was the next stop. And here, the unit went on a 10-day cruise. However, as luck would have it—Dorn contracted a severe case of sinus and was hospitalized for five months—undergoing four operations. It was during this period that his outfit embarked for overseas minus Private Dorn. Upon his release from the hospital he was reassigned to the medical section at Birmingham General Hospital. There followed a series of transfers and it was in December of 1944 that his name was added to the rosters of enlisted personnel here at Letterman.

A TRADITION OF MURDER

By Christopher La Farge

It's a pretty good idea for every American to understand the Germans. Until we do, all of us, we're not going to know the score against Germany. A big score, and an old one. The Nazis have made it worse, that's all.

We think too much about the Nazis. We forget that the Nazis are Germans. We forget that what the Nazis have said, and, above all, have **done**, is only another upsurge of that Germany which has existed for nearly 200 years.

It's comforting to think: "Oh, yes, the Nazis are terrible. We must destroy **them.** But the **Germans** will be good when that is done." That's the easy way to see it. It looks like a solution. But it isn't. I repeat: The Nazis **are** Germans. There have been people like that in Germany since Frederick the Great came to the throne in 1740. And always the Germans supported them, **and** followed them to war. To war to enslave others, to war to rule over the rest of the world.

Listen:

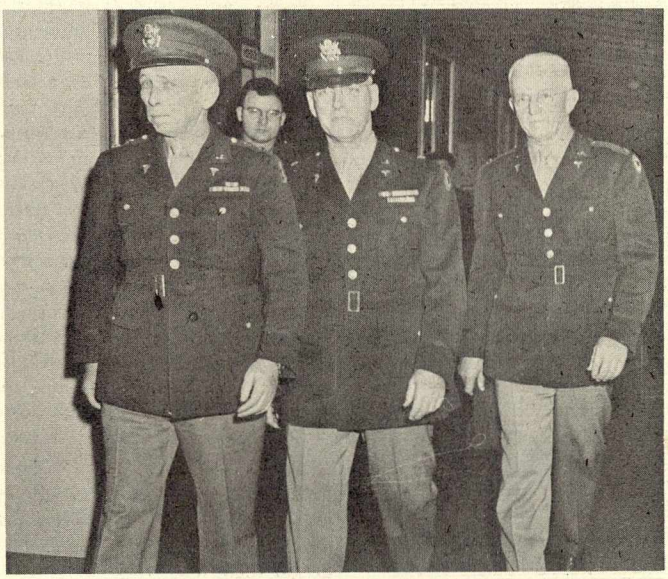
Friedrich Nietzsche, the philosopher who moulded German thought, said this: "Ye shall love peace as a means to new wars, and the short peace more than the long." Nietzsche died in 1900. He was not a **Nazi** philosopher. He was a **German** one.

Count Moltke, who fought and defeated the French in 1870, said this: "Peace is a dream and not even a pretty one at that, while war is a link in God's own order of the world." Moltke was not a **Nazi.** He was a **German.**

In 1905 Ernest Haase of Leipsig University, said this: "Who in the future, is to do this heavy and dirty work which every national community based on labor will always need? . . . Is it to be left to any part of our **German** people to occupy such slaves' positions? The solution consists in our condemning alien European stocks, the Poles, Czechs, Jews, Italians and so on, who live under us, or find their way to us, to these slaves' occupations."

He was not a **Nazi** professor, not in 1905. He was a **German.**

You see: that is why you have to know and understand the Germans. They listened to men like these, for generations. They followed their leaders. What makes any sane man think they will not follow again and again, if they are allowed to do so? In Germany today you will find only those who can be led and led again to war, to rape, to murder. Remember this. The Nazis are but Germans.



THE SURGEON GENERAL AT INSPECTION
Major General N. T. Kirk (left), making a tour of inspection on the surgical side of the hospital, accompanied by Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, Commanding General (center) and Colonel Russell H. Patterson, Chief of the Surgical Service.

ON THE SPOT



RICHARD J. GIRTEN,
Sgt., Infantry

Two stars on his Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon—for Attu and the Marshall Islands—and the Combat Infantryman Badge he wears tell some of the story for S/Sgt. Richard J. Girten, doughboy from Battle Creek, Michigan, and our candidate for "On the Spot" this week.

The tall, good-looking sergeant isn't the talkative sort, but he filled in some of the details in an interview. He was a squad leader with the 7th Infantry Division and was overseas more than a year and a half. He was evacuated, just before the division left for its present mission in the Philippines, when an operation became necessary on a bone infection.

"I don't believe there has been a smoother operation than the invasion of the Marshalls," the sergeant said. "We went in on an island where the Japs had a seaplane base while other parts of the 7th were hitting Kwajalein, where the biggest fight was. After a couple of days up there we went to a second island and then a third and fourth. It was easy, compared with Attu."

There was no opposition at Massacre Bay, Attu, on May 11, 1943. But there followed three solid weeks of fighting, he said. It was "cold as all get-out" and foxholes were full of water as soon as they were dug. The last desperate counterattack before Jap resistance ended was the bloodiest engagement.

"We called it 'Jap Reveille,'" he recalled. "They came charging in on us at 4 that morning, blowing bugles and making as much noise as they could. They succeeded in breaking through our lines and some even got into our aid station and raised hell. Dead Japs were strung out for three miles back through that valley."

Before his induction in July, 1942, he was a clerk for the Grand Trunk Western Railroad.

MEDICAL DETACH

With furloughs still being issued, the fortunate members of the detachment this week were: Tech. 4th Gr. Louis W. Linetsky and Privates Max J. Ruderian, Anthony L. Bertolami and Martin A. Sussles—each with 23 days; Private Burnett Moles—22 days; Private Ordie E. McCane—21 days, and Privates Frank V. Wright, Clifford M. Brown, who each received 19 days. Also Tech. 4th Grade Bowman M. Hoerl, Corporal Andrew J. Monahan, Tech. 5th Gr. Ward F. Schmidt, Henry N. Miller and Private Calvin B. Price with 15 days.

A hearty welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: Technical Sergeant Joseph Posin, Privates Edward E. Tueller, Robert J. Stoller and Donald A. Weinberg.

From Private to Corporal was the lot of two members of the detachment this week when they received their promotions. Congratulations to Privates Woodrow L. Schenebeck and Jonathan L. Carter.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. Louis H. Fasel working in the enlisted men's Service Club and really keep the place shining.

Tech. 4th Gr. Arthur A. Johnson pulling the surprise of the week—displaying a blind method of pool playing.

Tech. 3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox returned to duty—repairing typewriters and kibitzing in the pinochle games as usual.

Pvt. Benjamin "try something new" Weitz—this time working out with the basketball team.

Sgt. Daniel J. Mahoney holding down the swing shift in the Charge of Quarters and taking care of the emergency duties.

Tech. Sgt. Ernest "Papa" Brensel back on duty after 15 days leave in which he learned how "to bring up baby."

Sgt. Robert J. Bement really perturbed one day last week when he couldn't answer back or come through with a witty reply. He lost his voice.

Tech. 5th Gr. Albert J. Giovannetti looking toward the future and figuring out what kind of a baseball team Letterman will have.

FIVE FOOT TWO—EYES OF BLUE—WHAT SHE CAN MAKE A MOTOR DO!



Mrs. GEORGIE SANDERSON

She can change a tire, Mrs. Georgie Sanderson, better known as "Sandy," assures us, and after seeing the petite young lady at the wheel of a big truck or ambulance, nothing seems incredible to us. "Sandy" came to the Letterman motor pool the first of March, last year, and she still loves the job as much as she did at the very first, which, she states, was considerable.

Her favorite vehicle is the ambulance, mostly because it gives her an opportunity to meet the ships and bring the wounded men back to the hospital, and hear their reactions to being on home soil again. One of the two most frequent questions she is asked is "will we get fresh milk?" and the other is, a hangover from sojorn on the islands, "are the natives friendly here?" To both of which our little driver can answer with a wholehearted "yes."

Mrs. Sanderson is the wife of Sergeant Walter Sanderson, stationed at the Presidio with the Western Defense Command, and the mother of a small boy. In Sacramento, she met and married the sergeant, who at that time was her ice-man, but whose own temperature was not at all affected by the nature of his work. Before coming to Letterman, she was working for the Signal Corps, doing indoor work, but after an illness, she was advised by medical men to do outdoors work. The only available job that satisfied this requirement was with the motor pool at Letterman, so she quite accidentally fell into the work she likes so much. Recently the drivers at the motor pool have considerably enhanced their charms by adopting the smart beige uniform and cap they now wear.

"Sandy" came from Diamond, Washington to Willows, California, when she was a youngster, and went to school there and later in Sacramento, where her parents still reside. When there is no longer a need for meeting ships with an ambulance, she intends to devote all her time to the more stationary occupation of keeping house for her family.

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Let's think about this a minute. It is hard to conceive of just four men handling and putting out 40,000 pieces of regular mail, 3,000 packages, 300 insured packages and 150 pieces of registered mail in two or three weeks. Believe it or not, but they do it. There is not one man in 1960 who has a complaint to make. Except perhaps the man who received an envelope without a letter in it. To Sergeant **Foeller,** T/5 **M. Clayton,** Pfc. **C. Shouse** and Pfc. **A. L. Manewith** we doff our hats and give you each a great big cheer.

Nineteen-sixty welcomes 1st Lieutenants **Rose Foggart** and **Ione Hergert,** and 2nd Lieutenants **Lenly Coventon, Mayory Bohart, Ruth Burnside, Muriel Cannaday, Catherine French** and **Mildred Young.**

Pfc. **Merl F. Gullion,** of this unit, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation 10 January, 1945 for participation with the First Marine Division, in successfully executing forced landing assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavutu and several other islands of the British Solomon group.

The entire unit is proud of the splendid work which personnel of this organization did at the scene of the Ogden train crash. Two of our cars were attached to the first train with returning groups. Their fine work aided materially in decreasing the number of fatalities. High praise has been given by authorities for the efficient manner in which our men conducted themselves. The following men were included: Corporals **David Ghilarducci, Manford Powers, Jack Hood** and **Francis Davies;** Privates First Class **Lesley Aimone, Albert Aleman, Thomas H. Alexander, William Cleavenger, Floyd Copeland, Bernice Couch, Alfred Curti, Leo Caloski, Bob Patrick, John Rung, Sherman Sargent** and **Gerardo Schmid,** and Privates **Boyce Thompson, Vide Acierno, Peter Arnold, James Basel, James Bennett, Clark Bennington, Moses Durst, Norman Elliett, Alton Ellis, Toney Gable, Boley Bew, Kirbey Binan, Elwin Blakely, Thomas Harper** and **William Goldstein**

Just a thought—Pay day is a very good day to BUY A BOND.



To 2nd Lieutenant **and Mrs. Victor G. Ciociola,** a daughter, Sherrilene, born 19 January; weight 9 pounds 4 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Bailey A. Williams,** a daughter, born 21 January; weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Virgil S. Naser,** a daughter, Nancy Louise, born 14 January; weight 7 pounds 2 ounces.

To W. O. and Mrs. **Matthew J. Dadich,** a daughter, Deonne Marsha, born 18 January; weight 9 pounds 11 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Herbert A. Wegmann,** a daughter, Janie Katherine, born 15 January; weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Vern H. Weatherston,** a son, born 19 January; weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Grover Schur,** a daughter, Mary Lee, born 17 January; weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Roger A. Cowell,** a daughter, Diane Priscilla, born 16 January; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. **Michael Krahwinkel,** a son, Gary Michael, born 20 January; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. **Edgar F. Ede,** a son, Edgar Frank III, born 21 January; weight 9 pounds 8 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. **Ozie C. Hensley,** a daughter, Hazel Cordelia, born 17 January; weight 6 pounds 2 ounces.

To Tech. 5th Gr. and Mrs. **William A. Philipie,** a daughter, Lynne Marie, born 15 January; weight 6 pounds 3 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. **Robert C. Roxbert,** a son, Jerry Lee, born 17 January; weight 7 pounds 2 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. **John W. Braddock,** a son, John Wesley Jr., born 15 January; weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. **Harold W. Sackett,** a daughter, Sue Jane, born 19 January; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

Compared to the average civilian need of 20 pounds of cotton annually, the average soldier requires 250 pounds, the Ninth Service Command Quartermaster announced today.

THE COLONEL IS TWO-FISTED MAN WITH LONG LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS



Lieut. Col. HAROLD L. STEWART, M.C.
Chief of the Laboratory Service

"Up the close and doon the stair
But and ben with Burke and Hare
Burke's the butcher, Hare's the thief
'Stewart's' the boy that buys the beef!"

With apologies we present the ribald verse on famed anatomist Knox of Edinburgh, substituting the name of our own Lieutenant Colonel Harold Leroy Stewart, M.C., for the well-known Scot. For Colonel Stewart is not only chief of the laboratory branch, and chief of the newly created photo laboratory at Letterman, but he performs a great many of the post mortems at the hospital. As an olive branch for our own temerity, we offer congratulations for the extremely becoming silver oak-leaves which newly adorn his shoulders this past week.

On leave for the duration from the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, Colonel Stewart came to Letterman in July of 1942, with a brilliant civilian medical record to his credit. Bethesda seems a singularly appropriate location for a doctor, for in the Biblical story it was in Bethesda pool that miraculous cures took place. Colonel Stewart was the senior pathologist, doing research in cancer in Bethesda from the opening of the Institute in 1939 until he came into the Army.

His present tour of duty is not the first for the Colonel. He served in the Marine Corps during the last world war, and altogether has six years of active duty to his credit in the service.

Colonel Stewart is a Pennsylvanian by birth. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1926 and interned at Fitzsimons General Hospital as a lieutenant in the Reserve Corps during the next two years. In 1927 at Fitzsimons he was given his regular commission, and the following year left there to take a course at the Army Medical School in Washington, D.C.

Leaving the Army in 1929 he went back to Jefferson Medical College as a research fellow and assistant professor in pathology, and later prepared himself for his work with the National Cancer Institute by doing research at Harvard.

Colonel Stewart is married, and his wife and two children are living in San Francisco. Among his many claims to fame, not the least is his ability to be at the registrar's office with record speed when news of interest to his department has arrived, and his gustatory competition with another officer of this command.

MORE ABOUT LETTERMAN HONORED

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contributions to the field of medicine in this war are: The development and use of blood plasma and whole blood, the discovery and use of penicillin and the development of DDT insecticide.

In reference to meningitis, he reported that cases have been greatly reduced. With the use of sulfa drugs and penicillin, syphilis can usually be cured within a period of weeks instead of months.

Of those men wounded overseas, between 20 and 25 per cent return to the states for treatment, and between 96 and 97 per cent of the men wounded who reach field hospitals recover.

In concluding the conference, General Kirk stressed the urgent need for nurses in the Army. He reported that between September and December, the Army needed 10,000 nurses, but was successful in obtaining only 2000. He stated that the lack of nurses is so critical that newly organized general hospital units have, in some instances, gone overseas without a single nurse.

After leaving Letterman, General Kirk and his party inspected the Dante Annex, and the San Francisco Medical Depot. Before their departure they will visit other hospitals in the bay area including Oakland Regional Area Hospital and Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, California.

Despite the hardships of front-line activity a cavalry reconnaissance platoon with an infantry division in France continually had its radios inspected at least twice a week by a repair man. This preventive maintenance was a key to good scouting and patrolling.

What's My Name?

Here's how the quiz works: You'll be given four biographical clues each designed to give you a tip as to the identity of the famous person whose name you're supposed to guess. After you read each clue give yourself five seconds to give the right answer. And when you're absolutely sure you know the answer turn to page 4 and check with the correct name.

Here's how to score yourself. If you know the answer after the first clue score yourself 100 per cent and you get a free X-ray of your clavicle. On the second clue the right answer gives you 75 per cent and a Morrocco-bound edition of Army Regulations dated 1906. On the third clue you get 50 per cent and your name will appear on the emergency list five nights in a row. On the fourth clue score yourself 25 per cent and you get a hand-crocheted key for your foot locker.

Clue No. 1:

I was born in Alameda, California, in 1897, which makes me 47 years old today. Some people have said that 'Im one of the world's best aeronautical engineers. I was just a major when this war started but now I'm a Lt. General. What's My Name?

Clue No. 2:

I joined the air force in the first World War but I quit in 1930, at the age of 30, giving "advanced age" as my reason. I was recalled from a ten-year career as a civilian pilot and re-entered the army air force as a major. I became a major general while in North Africa and I became a Lt. General this last March. What's My Name?

Clue No. 3:

I'm short, stocky and bald and in April 1942 there was a terrific amount of publicity about an incident involving me and a bunch of other flyers. I was given the Congressional Medal of Honor and promoted to Brigadier General for my part in that exploit. I'm now commander of the 8th Air Force in Britain. What's My Name?

Clue No. 4:

I have two firsts on my list of bombings. I led the first raid by bombers on Rome. And I led the first bombing raid on Tokyo back in 1942—a raid that stood as the only one of its kind until a few weeks ago. What's My Name?

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For week of Jan. 29 to Feb. 5

MONDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1900	Rec. Hall
Mr. Fleming, Portrait Sketcher	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Make A Talking Record	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Variety Show of G. I. Follies	RECON	1830	Army YMCA
TUESDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Wards
Truth or Consequences	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Feature Movie	RECON	1400	Army YMCA
Broadcast by Thomas N. Johnson	RECON	2015	Army YMCA
Movie	SSO	1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—Shan Rowell, singer	ARC	1830	Wards
Community Sing in Lobby	RECON	1900	Army YMCA
Movie "Winged Victory"	SSO	1730 & 2015	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—Mr. Oldfield Sketcher	ARC	1830	Wards
Johnnie "Scat" Davis	SSO	1430	Army YMCA
Musical Bingo	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety	SSO	1400	Ward S-1
"Havana Night"—Girl Guests	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
Quiz Program	RECON	1400	Rec. Hall
Feature Movie	RECON	1800	Army YMCA
SATURDAY—Fudge by the Fire	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Small Games Night and Sing	RECON	1830	Army YMCA
SUNDAY—The Milky Way	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Solo Vox Concert	RECON	1300	Army YMCA
Ping Pong Tournament	RECON	1500	Army YMCA
Musical Program	RECON	1830	Army YMCA

POLLY CADET . . .



Your Nylons Recede Still Further Into Distant Future

Weep no more, my lady, for the nylon stockings you mourn for are performing yet another war-time service—skin-tight gloves for the nation's fighting men.

Newest on the list of nylon's uses, the glove is called technically, "glove-insert, lightweight," and is issued to occupational specialists who must expose skillful hands to bitter weather and sharp winds.

Availability of the glove, for both overseas and continental troops, was announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah, by Colonel R. M. Bartz, Ninth Service Command quartermaster.

The new glove is designed to cling to the hand when handgear is removed. This affords almost normal dexterity to the fingers, some protection from weather, and prevents bare skin from sticking to cold metal.

All soldiers whose work requires use of hands in Arctic or mountainous areas are authorized a pair of the new gloves. They are worn under normal handgear: Usually a combination of protective outer mitten and warm inner glove.

The nylon gloves are purposely lightweight to obtain "wallpaper" proximity. Although relatively sturdy, they are not intended for rough work or warmth over long periods.

ONLY 68 HOLD NATION'S TOP MILITARY HONOR

The nation's highest military award—the Medal of Honor—has been awarded by the War Department to only 68 officers and enlisted men for valor in the present war, it was announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah, headquarters of the Ninth Service Command.

The award, popularly known as the "Congressional Medal," is made in the name of congress. It is given to military personnel for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life"—a deed which left undone would not subject the man to criticism.

Recommendations for the award must be approved by the War Department or an officer in the rank of brigadier general or higher. In addition, an eye-witness report must accompany the recommendation.

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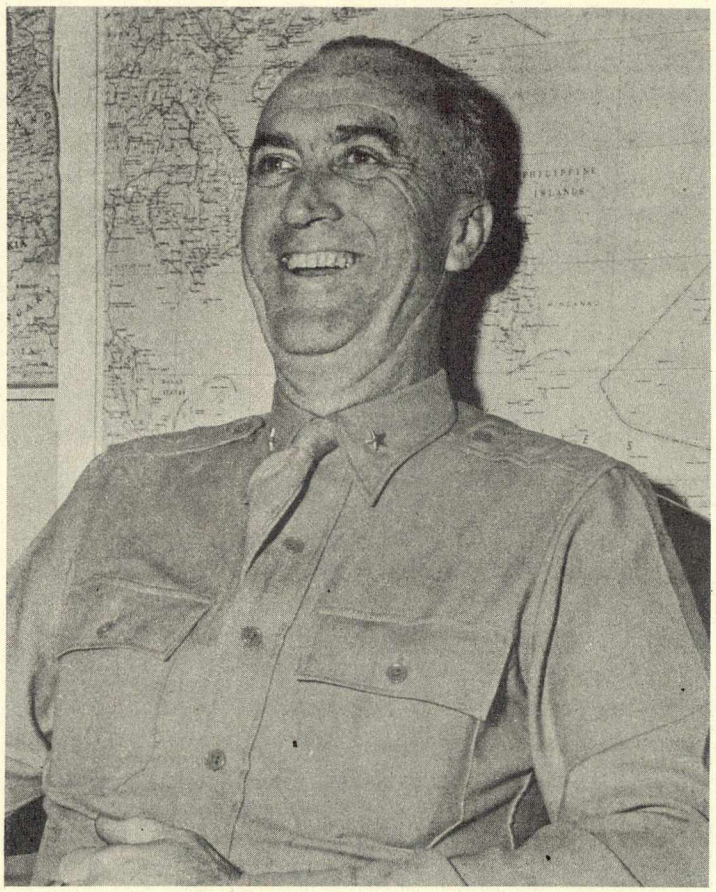
New Expansion Plans In The Making for Letterman

The receipt of official advice last week to the effect that the capacity of Letterman is to be expanded to provide 3,500 beds for the sick and wounded of the armed forces serving under the United States Army will explain some of the activity that has been observed on the reservation in the recent past.

Already in progress is the construction of a new gymnasium that will be part of the reconditioning program, and expected to start in the near future is the building of an indoor swimming pool for the use of the patients. These new buildings will make Letterman the equal of any of our general hospitals in the matter of equipment.

Up to the present time WAC personnel has been mostly limited to a handful of officers. Now we have been informed that one, and probably two, companies of enlisted WACs will be added to the command. A recruiting drive, which has the personal interest and support of the commanding general, will be inaugurated this week to procure enlistments in the WAC. The young lady soldiers will be assigned as technicians in the various branches and will aid the nurses in the care of the sick.

Ready for the installation of furniture and equipment is a new reading and writing room in the area of the East hospital. This was formerly the headquarters of the Enlisted Technicians' Schools and its central location will make it convenient for the ambulant patients occupying the wards in that part of the hospital reservation.



BRIG. GEN. CLESEN H. TENNEY, U. S. ARMY
Delighted to be back home after two years and a half in command of an anti-aircraft brigade in the central and south Pacific battle areas. General Tenney is a West Point classmate of General Eisenhower, Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley and Lt. Gen. Joseph McNarney.

All of the other buildings formerly used by the schools have been converted into hospital wards and connecting covered ramps are to be constructed to all buildings.

To Letterman old timers coming back for a visit to these familiar surroundings the general activity is a cause for amazement, but one old sergeant put it bluntly, when he answered a query with "Brother, you ain't seen nothin' yet."

Letterman is growing—and without the usual pains.

Jinx Falkenburg is Official Greeter to Home Coming Vets

Letterman General Hospital, which has withstood many varieties of sieges in its long history, capitulated completely on Thursday to Jinx Falkenburg, the Columbia motion picture star.

The dazzling brunette paid a six hour visit to the patients here and every one felt she was his personal caller.

General Hillman received the young celebrity on her arrival at the hospital, exchanged news and views, swapped signatures on their "Short Snorter" bills, and then graciously turned over the organization to her command.

The first stop was at the mess hall where, after greeting the patients, Miss Falkenburg picked up a tray, hit the chow line, and joined a group of patients at one of the tables. She next moved over to the Receiving Office to meet an incoming convoy and for an hour exchanged conversation with the men just in from "over there." In one of the litters was a patient who had worked in a picture with Miss Falkenburg on the Columbia lot, and her presence here made it a real home coming for that wounded veteran of Leyte.

There was a long stop at the Telephone Center where Jinx sat down and talked with the patients who were awaiting completion of long distance calls to their homes; the call that would break the news of arrival back in the home country. Invariably the families were told that Jinx was standing by and few had to ask for the rest of her name.

Miss Falkenburg had come to San Francisco to make a personal ap-

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INFANTRY "MEDICS" ARE FREQUENT TARGETS FOR JAP SNIPERS

Enemy fire was so heavy on an exposed hillside of "Bloody Nose" Ridge on Peleliu the day Technician Fifth Grade William E. Strange of Des Moines, Iowa, was wounded that he had closed his mind to it.

That was his job. "Two wounded men were lying out there waiting for me, and I went to them," he related simply in an interview at Letterman.

Corporal Strange, a soft-speaking, gray-haired man of 36, was a company aid man—one of the Infantry's heroic "medics"—in the 81st Infantry Division, and saw eight months service on Angaur and Peleliu Islands in the Palau group.

"Our platoon was sent out to reconnoiter a route over which the rest of the company could advance," he said, "and I was with the platoon leader. As we came around the end of the little ridge, the Japs hit us with machineguns, mortars, and even snipers, and the leading squad was pined on an exposed hillside.

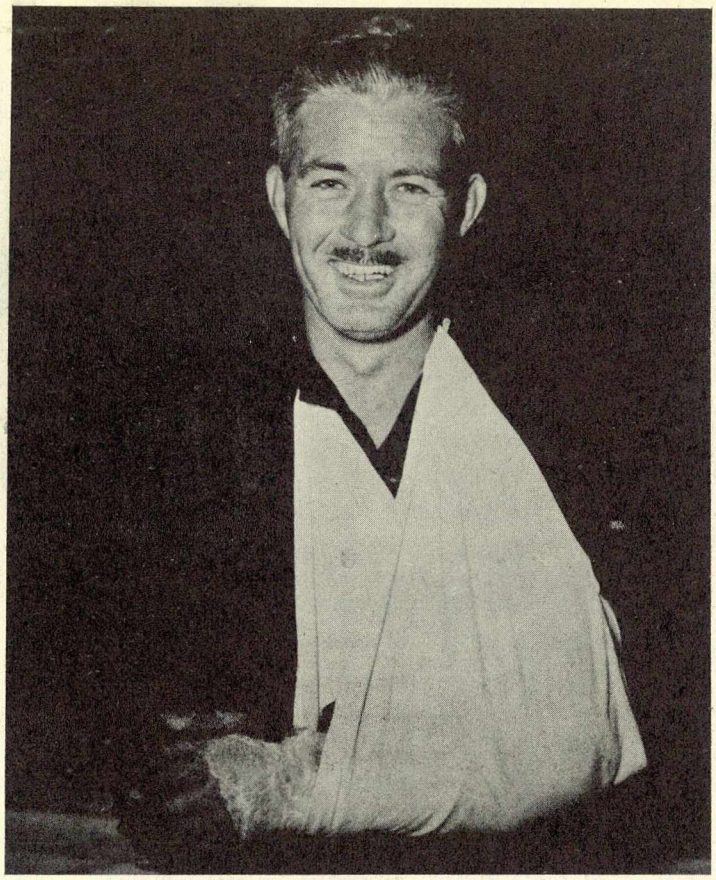
"First, I went out and dragged in a man who had been hit by a sniper. The man was pretty badly wounded in the chest, and the sniper kept zinging shots around my ears as I worked over him. I just slid down closer to the ground and kept on working, and eventually pulled him back to shelter all right.

"Then they called back that another man had been cut down by machinegun fire. He was a buddy of mine from Des Moines, and I started out to help him.

"When I got up beside him, he said, 'You're going to be able to fix me up, aren't you, Bill?' and I told him, 'Sure, there isn't much wrong with you.' Another man a few yards away had been hit in the leg by a sniper, and was calling, 'Bill, come over and get me,' and I was telling him to wait just a minute and I would be there.

"I was cutting the clothing away from my buddy's hip to get at his wound when a Jap mortar shell landed squarely on us. I think I was saved only because I had lifted my head just at that moment to shout to the other man who was calling to me.

"My buddy was killed, and a shell fragment struck my wrist. My hand was dangling by what looked to me to be just threads, and I grabbed my forearm to stop the blood, which was spurting out of the severed artery.



T/5th Gr. WILLIAM E. STRANGE
Infantry "medic"

"When the other man saw I had been hit, he started crawling back by himself, and I just got up and ran as fast as I could for shelter. He was killed, riddled by one burst from a Jap machinegun, but I made it. I never will know how I got out, but I did."

Corporal Strange was evacuated to the company aid station on a pulley device for lowering litters down the steep sides of the ridge, and was carried on back to the battalion aid station.

The veteran Iowa Doughboy, whose wife, Mrs. Clytus Strange, lives in Des Moines, received his basic training with the 81st Division at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

He has been transferred to a hospital nearer his home for treatment of his wound.

The Infantry's mercy soldiers, who go into action not to fight but to aid the wounded, have few respites, Corporal Strange conceded.

"When your outfit is in action, that means somebody is going to be wounded—and that means you are going to have to get out to wherever he falls and help him," he explained. "Aid men are primarily responsible for stopping the flow of blood and reducing the effects of shock, but in general you do anything you can to make things easier for the men.

"We were under fire all the time that our riflemen and machinegunners were, and we had to learn to ignore the fire. Perhaps the enemy would get you the same way he got the man you were helping, but that was a chance we had to take. After all, the rifleman, or whoever was wounded, had taken a chance, too.

"It was not uncommon for Jap snipers to set their sights on a man they had wounded, and wait to shoot the medic, or anybody else, who came up to help him. Many medics are killed that way, but sometimes nothing can be done about it."

Beware Fakes, Veterans Told

By Camp Newspaper Service

"Come-on" advertising and misleading publicity about the loan provisions of the GI Bill of Rights were hit in a recent speech by Edward S. Rooney, an Albany, N. Y., banker, before the New York State Veterans Service Agency.

Said Mr. Rooney: "I feel that the advertising that is put forth by banks generally and the misinformation that has unfortunately been disseminated to the veteran has created a very serious situation. The veteran feels that he is coming home to his bank and all he has to do is walk in and there is $2000 waiting for him in a tiny little envelope with his name on it.

"The fact is that this is entirely untrue and the banks, in my opinion, instead of using 'come-on' advertising, as they have been doing, should engage in an education campaign and explain to the veteran that if he borrows money he most certainly has to pay it back."

He declared that those interested in the veterans' welfare could perform a real service in their communities if they would "explain to the veteran and outline to the bank the real need for a frank discussion and explanation of that fact that the veteran is getting absolutely nothing free except a part of the first year's interest, and that if he borrows money, it must be paid back."

Misleading publicity, he added, has made some legitimate benefits of the GI Bill of Rights appear as careless gestures of charity rather than soberly-considered assistance for self-respecting men.

Brooklyn GI Wins Army Essay Contest

Rome (CNS) — Pvt Isadore Rubin, of Brooklyn, won the grand prize—a $500 war bond—in an essay contest sponsored by the Mediterranean Theater of Operations on the subject: "What Victory Means to Me."

Cpl Edwin A. Charles, also of Brooklyn, and M/Sgt Robert Lowenstein, Newark, N. J., won $100 war bonds for 2d and 3d places. Prizes of $50 war bonds were awarded, in the order named, to: Lt Whitney Cushing, Newtonville, Mass.; Pvt William V. Waterman, a parachute infantryman, Albany, N. Y.; Pvt Arthur J. Utzinger, North Plainfield, N. Y., and Lt Adrian Van Sinderen, Jr, New York. More than 1800 essays were submitted.

COLUMBIA STARS SEND GREETINGS TO LGH PATIENTS

IINX FALKENBERG
Recently returned from the China Burma front says it all in one word - - LOVE.



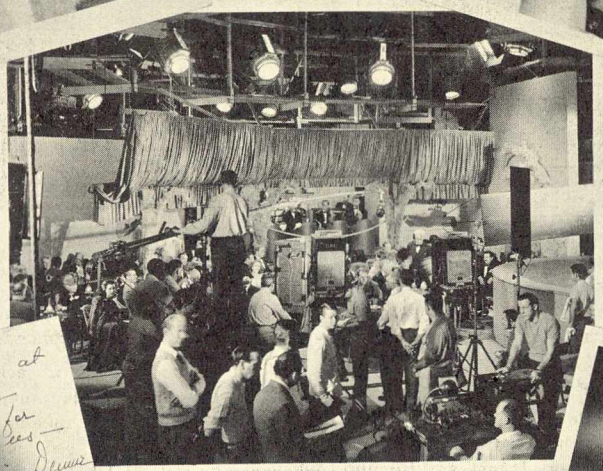


JEFF DONNELL
Coming great star expresses it compactly - - "To the Fellas at Letterman I think you're a grand bunch - - Honest!!





IRENE DUNNE
Working on a new picture took time out to write - - "To the Men at Letterman - - Thanks for all of us."





MARGUERITE CHAPMAN
Who has previously visited here puts her greeting in these words - - To the Men at Letterman - - Back from over there; after making it safe for us over here.



THE MAKING OF A MOVIE





THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

FAITH

"When faith is lost, when honor dies, the man is dead." —Whittier.

Faith, of necessity, is the off-spring of divine love and being such, should be preserved at all costs.

All the generous expressions of sentiment, even though accompanied by expensive gifts, fade into insignificance if bestowed upon one whose faith we have destroyed.

Our every moment, every act, must be guided by the extent of the faith that others have in us. If in our lives we have but one person that believes in us, nothing should interfere in our efforts to maintain that faith at its highest pitch.

What greater sense of gratified pleasure can one derive out of living than to know that the one upon whose loyalty, devotion, friendship, support or trust (yes, it works both ways), we counted on, still exists?

As Whittier implies, a man is dead if his faith is lost; we take to mean that the man is dead as far as we, who killed that faith, are concerned.

We must protect faith in us, lest we lose our faith in others. (The Harmonizer.)

Spokane, Wash (CNS) — "Why did you conceal your prison record?" the Judge asked a burglary suspect with a long record. "People would have thought I was bragging," the prisoner replied modestly. "Now the record can speak for itself."



This week the nursing staff was somewhat expanded when four new names were added to the nursing roster. A hearty welcome is extended to 2nd Lieutenants **Dorothy A. Frisch, Eileen Baggett, Beverly L. White** and **Ruth D. Dalton,** who all report for duty here after a tour of duty at various overseas stations.

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The absence of 1st Lieutenant **Elizabeth E. Foster** around the hospital during the past month was explained when her name was removed from the night duty schedule this week. However her absence from duty during the days will be prolonged when she undergoes a tonsilectomy, which will necessitate a period of hospitalization. Wishes for a speedy recovery are directed to the lieutenant.

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It seems like the time of year for visitors at LGH is January, especially with the Army Nurse Corps. This week at Letterman Major **Edith Aynes,** ANC, Chief of the Army Nurse Branch of the Technical Information Division, Office of The Surgeon General, quietly and unnoticed—made her entrance—and upon completion of her business here, departed just as quietly and without ceremony.

Another visitor was Captain **Mary H. McKinnon,** Assistant Director of the Cadet Nurse Corps from The Surgeon General's Office, who made a tour of the various hospitals in the vicinity and visited Letterman on Thursday of this week.

And from our neighbors at the Dante Annex—word of two nurses on leave—prior to their embarkation for an overseas station. The nurses who make the ocean trip are 2nd Lieutenants **Juanita M. Pregibon** and **Betty F. Smith.**

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Our good friends of the Train Unit say they have received word from former Lettermanites who were transferred to the 1960th and subsequently sent overseas, are now in the Dutch East Indies somewhere. The three nurses heard from were 2nd Lieutenants **Hazel Grant, Annette Williams** and **Betty Glass.**

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1st Lieutenant **Helen H. Eilola** has been transferred to the Seventh Service Command as Recruiting Officer of the Army Nurse Corps and has newly established headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The normally beaming face of Mrs. **Janis Rhodes** surcharged with infanticipation.

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A gum chewing nurse on Ward—well, if we tell you might ask where she got it.

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Lieut. **Barbara Hartman** delivering an excellent radio performance in an interview over KPO on the need for nurses in this Army.

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Lieut. **Elizabeth E. Reese,** PRO, playing shepherdess to thirty visiting officers interested in the WAC recruiting drive.

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A new autograph added to **Mary Craft's** collection—Jinx Falkenburg.

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Miss **Betsey LeFevers** back where she got her start—at the soda fountain.

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Capt. **Joseph Brennan** meeting planes by night and ships by day—and sleeping when he can.

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Mrs. **Donna Cannon** only mildly protesting the popularity of the nickname "Rusty." Rusty Cannon—not bad.

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Pvt. **Wilbur D. Gunter,** of our own Photo Lab, doing his work like an ace cameraman from Hollywood.

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Mrs. **Dorothy Pluid** and Mrs. **Betty** Burrows hobnobbing with visiting movie celebrity.

MORE ABOUT JINX FALKENBURG

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pearance in the "Quartermasters at War" show now being presented in Oakland. The time she devoted to the men of Letterman was her own contribution. It was her first visit to this hospital but the enthusiastic reception she received here has implanted the urge to return at the earliest opportunity.

Jinx has a standing invitation to come back any time.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 4, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

BUYS MOST BONDS

The mother of two sons in the Army, one overseas, Mrs. Sarah Bedel, 1330 Florida Street, San Francisco, has the distinction of being the leading civilian bond purchaser at Letterman. Last year, Mrs. Bedel bought twelve $100 bonds out of her salary by the payroll deduction plan, and during war bond drives her cash purchases amounted to $2100. She is an attendant in the Dietetics Branch.

Mission Hi Back Again With Gifts

The Mission High School students made their monthly visit to Letterman again this past week—this time bearing 100 gifts for the patients here.

The gaily wrapped and beribboned packages were delivered by Mrs. Florence Millikin, the student counsellor who sponsors the program of buying and selecting the proper items, and she was accompaned by four students: Misses Helen Schemoon, Jean White, Esther Tibbets and Donna Ross.

This latest benefaction is a continuation of a program which has been in operation for more than a year. The interest of the students of Mission prompted them to make personal sacrifices and use their spending money to purchase the items going into these gift packages.

INVITATION

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-el, San Francisco, cordially invites Officers to their semi-monthly dances, to be given in the Temple House of the Synagogue, Saturday nights, February 10th and 24th at 9 p.m., corner, Arguello Blvd. and Lake Street. Cars number 1 and 4 will take you directly there.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



WADE L. CANFIELD,
Pvt., Med. Det.

Tall, lanky and very congenial—describes Private Wade L. Canfield, whom we feature in this column as "Buck of This Week."

Born in Kankakee, Illinois, the private did not stray far from this community until the time he was inducted into the Army. He received all of his education there, and then upon completion of his schooling went into construction work with his father. His serene civil life was interrupted suddenly, however, when in November of 1943—the long arm of Uncle Sam reached to the small town of Kankakee—and in a short time Wade L. Canfield— became a private in the U. S. Army.

Not too reluctantly, he reported for induction at Camp Grant, Illinois, and it seemed before he could say "Jack Robinson"—he was boarding a train heading west. The ultimate destination was Camp Beale, California. It was there that he received his basic training and then was assigned to a tank battalion. The unit moved to Marysville where they remained for several months undergoing a rigid training period. This was terminated when he was transferred into a Military Police unit. and this new assignment brought him to duty in Manzanar, California, at a Japanese internment camp. The beautiful northwest section of the state was enjoyed for almost 15 months and the MP company was broken up. The men were all transferred into the various other branches of the Army and our buck was just lucky enough to draw the medical department and was subsequently assigned to duty here at Letterman.

Post-war plans? Private Canfield will settle in that small town of Manzanar and spend the rest of his days in peace and quiet.



Q. Will you please settle the argument as to how decoration ribbons should be worn? Most discussion seems to center around the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Ribbon.

A. We've done this before, but we'll do it again, for what we hope is the last time. AR 600-40 (para 69) prescribes the manner in which decorations shall be worn. We quote: "The Medal of Honor is worn pendant from the ribbon placed around the neck outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar, the medal proper hanging over the necktie near the collar. Distinguished - Service Cross (Army), Navy Cross (Navy), Distinguished Service Medal (Army), Distinguished-Service Medal (Navy), Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished-Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal (Army), Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Gold Life-Saving Medal (Treasury Department), Silver Life-Saving Medal (Treasury Department), Good Conduct Medal (Army), Good Conduct Medal (Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard), in that order of precedence followed by service medals in order of the date of service performed, will be worn on the left breast in order from right to left of the wearer about 4 inches below the middle point of the top of the shoulder, in one or more lines. When more than one line is worn, the lines will overlap."

Q. Does the cavalry still maintain mounted troops or is it all mechanized? If they do still maintain mounted troops are OCS applications being accepted for it?

A. There are some units of horse cavalry and, although there is no OCS for horse cavalry, applications are being accepted for mechanized cavalry (armored force).



JOHNNY "SCAT" DAVIS
Leader of the Warfield Theater show band who will appear regularly at Letterman with members of his band and featured stars from current stage show. The little lady on the right is Ella Mae Morris, well-known "cow cow boogie girl."

ON THE SPOT



CLARENCE F. YOUNG,
Sgt., Infantry

Wounded by fragments from a mortar shell, the same type of weapon used against the enemy on Bougainville and New Georgia, S/Sgt. Clarence F. Young is back home again and selected as a good feature for "On the Spot."

The sergeant was on Bougainville almost a year with the 37th Infantry Division, and says, "Except for getting hit there, it wasn't nearly as rough for me as New Georgia.

"We were used on defense there, but on New Georgia, where we invaded in July, 1943, we were in the middle of the attack. My section was pinned down by enemy machine-guns for a whole afternoon one time, and I was not too sure any of us were going to get out. I was an 81-mm. mortar gunner then. We were moving up on the flank from our advancing rifle companies, supporting them with fire from our 81's.

"The Japs were scattering out in front of our advance, and a bunch of them with three or four machine-guns ran into us. They had us in a bad way for several hours, until our riflemen got over to us and took care of the situation."

The sergeant expressed his deep admiration for the riflemen and machinegunner and continued, "Our Infantry medics—deserve a lot of respect, too. You won't find a doughbody who doesn't admire them and feel a debt to them. I saw one of our medics get shot in both legs when he went out under heavy fire to bring in a wounded man. They didn't let dangerous situations stop them."

Sergeant Young has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy and is eligible for the Purple Heart. He has been in the Army since September 1, 1941.

MEDICAL DETACH

Furloughs were issued during the past week to the following members of the detachment: Staff Sergeant Leonard P. Bell—23 days; Private Oval W. Morris with 21 days; Private Andrew G. Peters received 17 days and T/5th Gr. Addison D. Lewis got 15 days.

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A welcome is extended the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: 1st Sgt. George H. Marble, M/Sgt. Edward H. Voss; Tech. Sgts. Norbert R. Tasler and Lyle M. Hall; S/Sgts. Paul E. McCormack, Eugene M. McDermott, Harry W. Howell, John C. Washburn, Alford A. Wilson, Chester L. Kemp, Fritz A. Swanson, Louis S. Micchella, and Carver M. Smith; Also to T/3rd Grs. Robert L. McCray and Claude G. Hart; to Sgts. Lester E. Laird, Jacob Edelman and Norman H. Ross. To Techs. 4th Gr. Thomas H. Watson, Hal A. Campbell, George W. Vallis, Richard D. Coonen and Arno A. Savage; Cpl. Ora O. Scrivner, Karl E. Mason and John C. Baker; and Techs. 5th Gr. Leo Bourbeau, Robert Dowell, William D. Goyn, James C. Dedmon, Emil L. Olson, Joseph E. Bobert, Lewis H. Trickey and Fred W. Krueger. And to Privates Paul L. McCorkle, John Stephanick, Floyd H. Gustafson, Paul J. LaGrande, Bertis E. Newton, Paul I. Baker, Curtis D. Hendricks, Vito Shiavone, Michael G. Borres, Robert E. Lee, Raymond A. Powell, Elwyn L. Malcolm, Bennie R. Stevens, Marion J. Lyftogt, Lester Silverman, Pvt. Elmer G. Richey, Alizardo R. Delgado, Leo Nicoline, Frank E. Robbins, Jaye S. Flagg, Verne Buckle, Thomas J. Irvory, Joseph Robers, Alopito Sanchez and Chris S. Whittmen.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Gr. Arthur 'brittle bones' Johnson—deserting pool for roller-skating and not doing so good on the fancy figures.

T/5th Gr. Israel Kulak giving out with his philosophy while eating—and usually the last one out of the mess hall.

T/4th Gr. Dean Litimer bidding farewell to his friends here, when he retired last Wednesday after 20 odd years of service.

ASST. ASSISTANT ADJUTANT ADDED FOR ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES



1ST LIEUT. FRANCES V. PETERSON, WAC
Assistant Adjutant

The most recent addition to our WAC contingent gives every promise of being a real asset. With us the WAC is a contingent rather than a detachment because we have but one enlisted WAC and if we called her a detachment we would take pattern after one of those central American armies where the officer ratio is 10 to 1 enlisted man.

First Lieutenant Frances V. Peterson, WAC, came to us after previously confining herself to recruiting activities in San Francisco and Butte, Mont. The young officer has an attractive smile and that is always an asset in an Adjutant's office, so despite Army tradition she was assigned to the role of Assistant to the Assistant Adjutant, and up comes a commentator with the quote "The last citadel surrenders."

Lieut. Peterson is a native of Nashua, Missouri, and attended Park College in her home state until she won her A.B. and then went on to the University of Michigan for her master's degree in music. She was an instructor in music until she felt the urge to join the WAC in February, 1943.

In keeping with the custom in the corps the recruit took basic training at Des Moines and then moved over to OCS at the same station. She received her commission as 2nd lieutenant in April '43 and was immediately assigned to recruiting duty with the Ninth Service Command.

An interesting feature about our new lieutenant is that she is the daughter of a specialist in ENT work at the Hertzler Clinic at Halstead, Missouri. The head of the clinic is the same who wrote the well known book "The Horse and Buggy Doctor," which won such acclaim from the reading public a few years ago.

We hasten to add, however, that there is nothing of the "horse and buggy" tinge about Lieut. Peterson. That young lady is right up to the minute and accomplishes her work with the smoothness and efficiency of a 12 cylinder Cadillac.

You will readily recognize our newest arrival if you enter the office of the Adjutant—she is the one who smiles.

1960

Private Richard Moor just made Pfc., and he is very happy about it. He says after being in the Army a year, anything can happen.

Dave Ghilarducci is certainly a nice man to have around. He not only plays a fast game of basketball, but also plays the accordian. He gives the men in his barracks plenty of entertainment, and they love it.

Pfc. Fry of Co. "A" has a very unusual snore—sounds like a train whistle. Maybe he got that way riding trains.

Wonder why Pvt. Johnson of "A" Company sits up in bed in the middle of the night and says, "Conductor what town is this?"

A little poem dedicated to T/5th Gr. Roy De Long of "B" Company, 1960th SCU:

"There's the man who can smile in
the evening,
There's the man who can smile in
the dawn.
But the one that's worth while,
Is the man that can smile,
When all his front teeth are gone."

We all wonder if Pvt. Call of "A" Company wakes up in the night and reaches for a chew.

Tech. Sgt. Jerry Sherman of "A" Co. saying—"Sorry pal, but I thought that is where you wanted to go."

Sgt. Sullivan, coach of the basketball team was the first man to sign up for the Presidio Bowling Tournament.

The basketball team welcomes back Pfc. Daves, who was just released from the hospital.

Bowlers—A league is being formed. Sign the entry blanks on the orderly room bulletin boards. We have plenty of material and should have a championship team.

Jeff Had Hot Time But Didn't Like It

Holywood—The reason Jeff Donnell, Columbia actress, did not arrive on time for a meeting of the Hollywood Fire Prevention Committee, of which she is a member, has just come to light.

Her car burst into flames en route, caused by a short circuit.

The actress, to be seen next in "Eadie Was a Lady," extinguished the blaze herself before the fire department, summoned by alarmed spectators, arrived on the scene.

Wac 'Perfect 34,' Statistics Show

By Camp Newspaper Service

America may have a new standard of feminine beauty as the result of statistics compiled by the Army's Quartermaster Corps on the physical characteristics of the women in the Army.

Here's how the typical woman soldier "shapes" up: She stands 5 ft, 4 in high, weighs 128 pounds, has a waist circumference of 26½ inches, wears a 22 hat size, slips her foot into a 6-B shoe and her hand into a size 7 glove. The collar of her khaki shirt is size 13, and her ankles are incased in size 9½ rayons. Instead of the legendary "perfect 36" she is a size 14, which makes her an approximately "perfect 34."

A separate study conducted by the 1st Air Force among the more than 1000 women serving with that unit from Maine to Florida indicates that the woman soldier, on an average, is "the best educated woman in America."

The War Department Bureau of Public Relations declares the study revealed: "She had at least a high school education and some specialist training to begin with (21% were college educated) and in the Army she has improved upon her original skills, learned a new skill or a new application of her old one." Seven women in 8 were employed at the time of enlistment.

No 1 post-war ambition of those interviewed is—by a majority of 73%—marriage and home-making.

Sixty percent had husbands, fathers, brothers, sons or fiancees in the armed services. Of the remaining 40 percent, half were the only members of their families eligible for the service. One woman in 7 was married at the time she joined the WAC, and 1 in 14 has been married since her enlistment.

Soldiers Not Bitter, Says Hospital Head

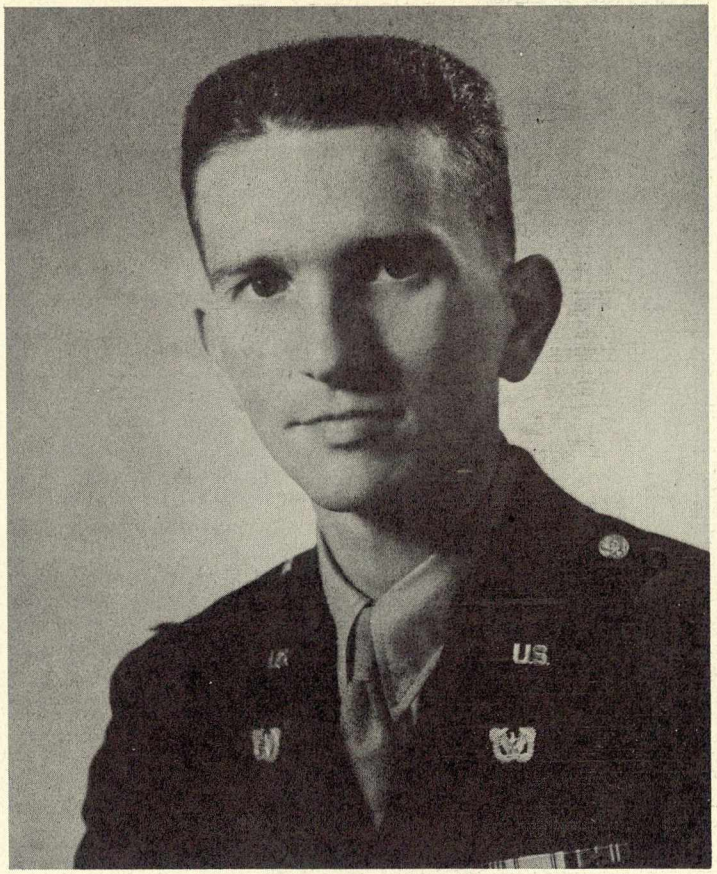
New York (CNS)—The American combat soldier will not return from the war filled with bitterness and resentment against those at home who have not suffered as he has.

That is the opinion of B/Gen Ralph DeVoe, Commanding General of Halloran General Hospital, New York, where thousands of wounded soldiers have received their final medical care before donning mufti.

Discussing his personal experiences and observations working with wounded men before a group of labor leaders and welfare workers at a meeting sponsored by the American Theatre Wing, Gen DeVoe declared:

"I have seen no bitterness among them, not even bitterness against fate. I do find a great, heroic c o u r a g e among them. There is something about the wounded man that is a little finer, a little better than you will find in the general average."

HE SATISFIES ALL REQUIREMENTS— ASK ANY UNMARRIED BRUNETTE



WARRANT OFFICER EDWARD A. HART, AUS.

He's wandered a long way from home since he came into the Army in 1941, but Warrant Officer Edward A. Hart, AUS, still thinks there's no place like it. And under his hair, which he wears in a G.I. crop because he likes it that way, he's carrying a vivid set of memories of raids over Africa, of the blue shadows on the white domed buildings of Oran, and of the turbulent and colorful Souks.

Mr. Hart came back from overseas, in accordance with the rotation plan, to Letterman this past December, and is now assigned as one of the assistants to the command officer of the detachment of patients. His original tour of duty began with basic training at Camp Roberts. Next stop was in Monterey with the 3rd Army Corps, then Pasadena, and in June, 1942, he was sent to London with an advanced echelon, where he served as a confidential stenographer, and incidentally learned that most valuable art of keeping secrets. Six months later found him in Oran, Africa, working in the base section headquarters with a supply echelon. Between air raids, they were kept very busy getting everything set for the rest of the outfit soon due.

In spite of the snipers and the air raids, Mr. Hart found time for a little relaxatiion doing water colors of the many interesting scenes of life around him.

Our new warrant officer hails from Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he attended business college, majoring in business administration. Before coming into the Army he worked as assistant cashier in a bank in Glenwood Springs in the same state. When he wasn't busy counting cash he found fun in making architectural designs and in music, although he assures us that his playing is such that it would entertain only himself.

Exclusively for the female contingent at Letterman we pass on the information that Mr. Hart is tall, nice-looking in a brown-eyed sort of way, and that he is not married! And still more, and we whisper this last, his preference runs to tall brunettes, because, he tells us, he finds blondes a bit too "embattled." Also, and here is a real field for a little pioneer work, he thinks he has a lot of fun being single. Want to change his mind, girls? The line forms on the right.

A Million Gifts Go To Hospitals

American Legion and Eddie Cantor Bring Christmas to Wounded, Ill

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (ALNS)—Reports have been coming in since the holidays, indicating that the Eddie Cantor - American Legion campaign to provide a gift package for every hospitalized soldier, sailor, marine, or servicewoman in service hospitals, dispensaries and convalescent centers in the United States, was a tremendous success. Letters are being received from the medical officers in charge and from the wounded and ill who received the gifts, testifying to the happiness these gift packages brought.

The average gift package contained seven items, and it is estimated that there were 1,179,350 gift packages donated. Some states had an over-supply, and these were shipped to states with heavy hospital loads that were short. Some packages were left, and it is hoped that arrangements can be made for shipment of these left-over packages — (after they have been stripped of perishables) — to overseas installations.

Under the arrangement entered into, Eddie Cantor, the radio comedian, appealed for gifts on his weekly broadcast. American Legion posts and Auxiliary units arranged for window displays and collection centers, gathered up the gifts, checked all hospitals in the country, and delivered the packages to the hospitals—and in many instances direct to the recipients.

Under the latest figures available, distribution was made to 1,314 service installations of all categories.

Whisky Cures Frostbite, Yanks at Front Find

Belgium (CNS)—Army hospital units near the Front have one staple cure for frostbite—whisky. Alcohol expands the blood vessels and increases circulation in frozen limbs.

So successful and so popular has this whisky treatment been that, as one doctor said, "it's gotten so that every ambulance driver coming in around here claims he is a frostbite case."

News From Home

Boston (CNS)—An OPA official lost his brass collar button. After days of search he located another one in a downtown department store. The price—25 cents, plus a "luxury" tax. "It's our own fault," he remarked wryly. "We forgot to put a price ceiling on collar buttons."

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS) — While Mr and Mrs Larry Delaney were visiting friends, a housebreaker entered their home, ate a piece of applie pie then used Mr Delaney's toothbrush and hair tonic. When the Delaneys came home they found the intruder asleep in their guest room.

Danville, Va (CNS) — The donors of prizes for farmers at a tobacco auction were asked to leave them in the lobby of a local bank. One donor drove his prize to the front door in a truck, demanded the bank to open its doors. The prize: a ton of fertilizer.

Denver, Col (CNS) — Walter Schoonover and A. M. Tennant were bickering over the price of a horse owned by the latter. Tennant asked $3000. Schoonover offered $2500. Finally they agreed to flip a coin—double or nothing. Schoonover lost and paid $6000.

Eufala, Ala (CNS) — A farmhand's plough hit a rock in a cornfield. He investigated. The "rock" turned out to be one of 10 gold bricks, marked "1709" on one side and stamped on the other with an Indian head. Value of the bricks has been assessed at $7500.

Knoxville, Ky (CNS)—A young steer escaped from the Union Stockyards here and kicked over a barrel of molasses, trapping itself and 4 stockyard employes in the gooey morass. The steer was destroyed but the employes were merely cleaned off and preserved for further use.

Lincoln, Neb (CNS)—The ominous number 13 has been attached to a bill in the Nebraska legislature. The bill deals with cemeteries.

New York (CNS)—When Johnny comes marching home he will find a famed New York institution missing. The Fifth Avenue Coach Company's old open top buses are going to be sold to Mexico City.

San Francisco (CNS) — When George Kellog, clerk in a local hotel, was robbed by a stick-up artist a few weeks ago, he resolved it wouldn't happen again. He set to work building an elaborate burglar alarm system. But while he was building it the stick-up man returned and robbed him once more, this time of $30.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE **RED CROSS**

For week of Feb. 5 to Feb. 12

MONDAY—Variety Stage Show	SSO	1830	YMCA
TUESDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Wards
A.F.E.C. presents Suisun Fairfield ATC Band, Stage Show, 25 entertainers	SSO	1830	YMCA
Presidio Forum—Broadcast	RECON	2015	YMCA
WEDNESDAY—Starlets from Hollywood—Jean Heather of "Going My Way" and "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." Cormellia Bergstrom, Marie Harmon	SSO	1400	YMCA
Community Sing	RECON	1830	YMCA
Bingo Party	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—Starlets from Hollywood—Jean Heather of "Going My Way" and "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," Cormellia Bergstrom and Marie Harmon	SSO	1400	Wards
Quiz: Who Am I?	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Warfield Theatre Stage Show	SSO	1430	YMCA
FRIDAY—Log Cabin Party—Girl Hostesses —Refreshments	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Make A Record and Popcorn Party	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—Variety Musical Program	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
World Series Pictures, 1944, personal appearance of baseball celebrities	SSO	1400	YMCA
Popular Concert by S. F. Junior Civic Symphony Orchestra, Julius Haug, Director	RECON	1830	YMCA

POLLY CADET . . .



WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

The recent induction into the U. S. Army of 2 muscle-bound heroes of the world of sport (both of whom previously had been found unfit for service) may indicate the way the wind is blowing for other 4F performers in the fields of flesh.

The 2 clear-eyed, lithe-limbed young men in question are Willie Pep, dish-nosed featherweight champion, who was disgorged from the Navy for physical reasons only to be snapped up by the Army which went after Willie like Broadway Rose wolfing a herring at Lindy's Restaurant, and Buff Donelli, the kindly old coach of the Cleveland Rams in the National Football League, who is almost 38 and the father of 3 children to boot. Now he's in the Army, too.

Pep and Donelli were the first big name athletes drafted since War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes ordered re-examination of professional athletes. Others drafted since that date include Stan Musial, hard hitting star of the St Louis Cardinals; Johnny Gorsica, Detroit Tigers' pitcher; Bill Fleming, Chicago Cubs' pitcher, and Tommy Heath, catcher for the Columbus Red Birds.

Mr. Byrnes' order was followed by a significant comment by the Commander-in-Chief. Asked at a press conference whether he thought baseball should continue now, the President replied: If it's possible to do so without hurting the employment of people in the war effort or the building of the Army and Navy. He said he was all for baseball. Then he added emphatically that he did not think perfectly healthy young men should be playing ball at this time.

PREDICTION: More heads will roll. PREDICTION No. 2: Little Orphan Annie and Peck's Bad Boy will form the opening day battery for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 17.

Hornell, N. Y. (CNS)—A local gentleman applied for a marriage license here. When informed that the license cost $2, however, he changed his mind. "Taint worth it," he remarked.

Houston, Tex. (CNS)—A local mother, who works in a war plant, has called police to help her get her baby back from a baby sitter who is holding the child as security for a $47 debt.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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General Hillman Entertains Famed Chef at Luncheon

Mr. George Mardikian, proprietor of the famed "Omar Khayyam" restaurant of San Francisco, world known author of cook books, and philanthropist, was the guest of Brig. Gen. Hillman here on Saturday last.

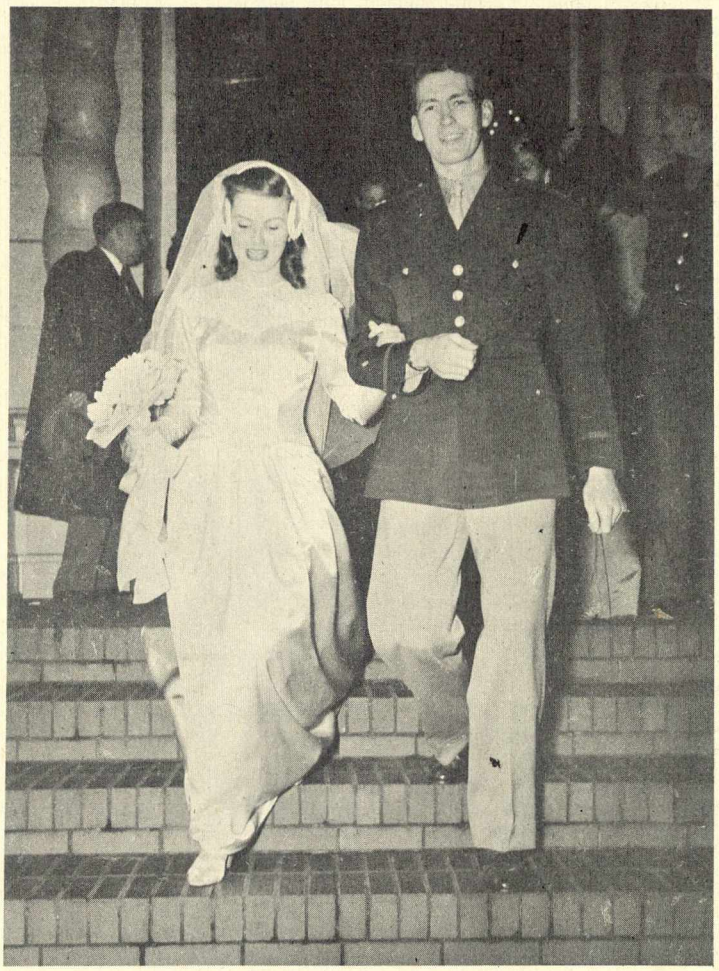
The Commanding General presided at luncheon in honor of Mr. Mardikian, which was served in the Officers' Mess and consisted of the menu of the day. The renowned chef apeared to add a special flavor to the army food by his conversation along culinary lines. He has done much research in the matter of foods down through the ages and his discoveries make very interesting lore for the gourmet.

Mr. Mardikian has made it a custom to play host to wounded service men from the army and navy hospitals in the bay area on Thanksgiving Eve each year since the start of World War II, and on such occasion he has more than 250 guests at his establishment for a marvelous dinner.

A special feature of the affair is a printed menu card with the name and home town of every service guest as a lasting souvenir of the occasion. In addition to superfine food, served in person by Mr. Mardikian, there is a program of entertainment of top radio and stage stars to assist the digestion. Last year Rudy Vallee was the Master of Ceremonies and two name bands furnished the music.

Mr. Mardikian is about to publish a new cook book and one of the first copies off the press has been ear marked for Lieut. Emma L. Webster, dietitian in charge of the Officers' Mess at Letterman. He personally complimented Lieut. Webster on the quality of the food and the service prevailing in the mess.

Mr. Mardikian admits he has but one weakness—his affection for the patients at Letterman.



BRIDE AND GROOM
Leaving the Presidio Chapel on Wednesday evening after Captain Andrew Ray Edwards and Jeane Winslow Rowe were united in Holy Matrimony. Chaplain L. Lane McCammon, of Letterman, was the officiating clergyman.

Twinkling Starlets Are Welcome Visitors To Letterman

One of the features of life at Letterman not so hard to take is the opportunity to meet in person the people so many of us know on the screen or over the ether waves.

The latest visitors from Hollywood were Miss Marie Harmon and Miss Carmelle Bergstrom who came under the auspices of the Victory committee of Hollywood to make a round of calls on the service patients in the bay area hospitals.

Miss Harmon, a chic blonde, played in "Captains Courageous" with Loretta Young and she assisted the Andrews Sisters in "Her Lucky Night." She has also worked in two Universal pictures, "South of Dixie" and "Allergic to Love," although that last title does not seem to fit her in any way, even remotely.

Miss Bergstrom, also easy on the eyes, has recently played in "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" and "Here Come the Waves." She will be also seen in "Out of This World" when the picture is released by Paramount—the studio to which she is under contract.

Then the Warfield Theatre sends out its usual show on Thursdays under the direction of Elmer Lainmaid. This week we had the hilarious "Hilo Hattie" who is known to most of the GIs who have passed near Oahu at any time in the last ten years. Of course, Johnny "Scat" Davis was on hand with his band. Others who were on the program were Milton Douglas and Priscilla—comedy team; Monty Arbo, Syd Green and Dynamite Jefferson.

Drive cares away the Warfield way is a good motto for our men.

TURNOVER AT LETTERMAN TAKES FRIENDS TO OTHER PARTS

Letterman Hospital is not exactly a Grand Central Station even though our people come and go in large round numbers. The patients arrive and depart by the hundreds



Col. BOYD L. SMITH, D.C.
Chief of Dental Service

but the moving orders also effect the members of the staff.

Two recent arrivals are Colonel Boyd L. Smith, new chief of the Dental Service and Major Roger Biswell, Chief of the Orthopedic Section. Colonel Smith has been here for some weeks but we never could get him before a camera and no story would be complete without a picture. He finally yielded a few days ago.

Colonel Smith is a native of Albany, Mo. and has been in the Army since 1917. He is a graduate of Washington University of St. Louis and took post graduate work at Columbia. His foreign service included Porto Rico and the Philippines. His last station was at Camp Carson in Colorado and it is suspected that he left his heart in the mountains in that region. If you see him with a far away look in his eyes it may help to know he is only thinking of the beauties of nature in that garden spot of Colorado Springs.

Major Biswell comes from a spot closer to us in that he is a native of Haines, Oregon, and a graduate of the University of Oregon with an AB in 1931 and an MD four years later. His military service began with active duty in January 1941 and since that time he has served at Camp Roberts and Fort Lewis before coming to Letterman on 15 January of this year.

Despite the fact that Letterman is a debarkation hospital the orthopedic service affords plenty of work to the members on that duty and Major Biswell has been a very busy man since he joined us.

And now we turn to the members who have left us for other stations. Officers we have known and liked but "Orders is Orders" and they leave because they believe that to be the thing to do in this man's army.



FREDERICK M. ANDERSON
Major, Medical Corps

Major Frederick M. Anderson waved a farewell to Letterman last week after being a member of the surgical staff since October 1942. Since we took over the supervision of the Dante annex in August of last year he has been the senior surgeon down there.

Major Anderson went abroad to Oxford for his pre-medical training and graduated from the Harvard Medical School—a fact which Colonel Patterson could not overlook very well—and he practiced around New England until he was commissioned in the army in November 1941. He served in Los Angeles prior to coming up to Letterman and by this time he is a staunch San Franciscan. His first love is Nevada—where he was born, and where he learned to hunt. He also practiced medicine in Carson City and Reno but he prefers to talk about the hunting in his native state. Now he is ordered to an overseas assignment and he takes with him our best wishes for a safe return.

Another who has posted his PPC cards on the staff room board is Major Clinton V. Ervin, Jr., and he has been with us since he was ordered to extended active duty in November 1940. Joined as first lieutenant and received promotion to captain and major while working here.

The major is a native of Greenwood, Miss., and took his AB at the University of his home state, later going over to Vanderbilt for his medical degree. He was resident in surgery at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco before reporting for duty at Letterman, where he has been on the surgical side all during his tour.

Major Ervin was selected to make a study of the use of penicillin and is an authority on the use of that remedy. He has been Chief of the Septic Surgery Section and later



Major
ROGER BISWELL, Jr., M.C.
Chief of Orthopedic Section

Executive Officer for the Surgical Service. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons and of the American Board of Surgery.

We should have had a photo of him in our files but he is so shy in nature that he completely escaped our wandering reporters these last four years and only his contemporaries will have a picture of him in memory. Major Ervin has done excellent work while at Letterman and his associates value the opportunity they had to know and work with him. Some day we hope the Fates may bring him back to our staff as we can always stand a lot of him.

Number three on the trip of those who went away is Captain Donald R. Pratt who left for his new station at Dibble General Hospital early this month. He has been with us since January 1942 and considered one of our "old timers" by all hands. The captain is a native son of San Francisco and still claims residence in the house in which he was born. He went to Lowell High and later to Stanford for his university and medical training.

During his practice prior to entering the army he was associated with Dr. Sterling Bunnell, an outstanding surgeon of San Francisco, and who has recently been named consultant to The Surgeon General in surgery. Captain Pratt has done remarkable work in hand surgery and is one of the younger authorities in that highly specialized field.

Captain Pratt was a bachelor when he joined us and he left in the same status but a photograph he kept on his desk might indicate he had other ideas for the near future. He is not too far away and no one would be surprised to learn of his plan to desert the single bliss reputed to be the lot of unmarried men. He has not asked us to make any announcement, or soften up his public for news of this kind, but



DONALD R. PRATT
Captain, Medical Corps

the peculiar smile he displayed when questioned about his intentions left us to infer the query was not entirely out of order.

Captain Don Pratt was one of the most popular medical officers on the staff, both with his associates and the patients who came under his care. He will always rate a welcome and we hope to have him drop in often.



To A Favorite Brunette
Rhonda darling, cross your heart,
Wonder why did Fate design
We should live our lives apart?
Will you be my Valentine?

To A Favorite Colonel
At sight of you I hold my breath
And count to ninety-nine.
Colonel "Pat", its life or death—
Oh, be my Valentine.

To A Favorite Redhead
You can't be "Rusty," as they say,
With eyes like yours that shine.
You haunt me, Donna, every day,
Please be my Valentine.

To A Favorite Dietitian
Wilma dear, you're very nice;
The food you serve divine.
I'd pass it up for polished rice
With you, my Valentine.

To A Favorite Captain
Tall and dark and handsome too;
One man without a "line".
Oh Rex, I know you would be true
Were you my Valentine.

To A Favorite Nurse Captain
Ruthie, this will make you blush
With hue incarnadine,
I will not listen to your "Shush"
'Cause you're my Valentine.

To A Favorite Major
Please tell why they call you "Spud",
Of soil there is no sign.
Socially you're not a dud,
But what a Valentine!

To A Favorite Lieutenant P. T. Lt.
Firm but gentle, lovely too,
Would I could make you mine.
"Cookie," no one else will do
Just be my Valentine.

To A Favorite Blonde
With eyes of blue, complexion-peach,
The warmth of golden wine.
Please, Betsey, stay within my reach
And be my Valentine.

To A Favorite Chaplain
He wrote these verses, bold and free
And don't you think they're fine?
It's plain to see he aches to be
Just *EVERYBODY'S* Valentine.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THE MEDICS

The "medic" is a must in any fighting force. He is likely to combine the functions of Kipling's Gunga Din, Florence Nightingale, the Good Samaritan and the most skillful surgeon science has produced. He frequently does so at the cost of his own life. Unarmed stretcher-bearers seek out the wounded where the shells are still striking. Because they know that time is of the essence, they are always in a hurry. Sometimes a complicated operation has to be performed in a foxhole. But they try hard to get the victim to the nearest hospital. Maybe it is a blasted barn or an open cellar. It may be a tent over the brow of the next hill, with the surgeons operating under enemy fire.

There is little glory in the Medical Corps. It is just hard, dirty work and mighty dangerous. The Red Cross seems to mean little to the enemy. He has bombed hospital tents from Anzio to Aachen. These medics are tough, but among the torn and dying men learn to be tender, too. They shun glory, but they have their pride. They are proud to have saved 97 out of every 100 wounded. They are proud that their miracle drugs and blood banks send from 50 to 80 back to fight again. They are proud because nobody in our whole vast Army, not even the foremost combat crew or the deadliest flying wing, has done a finer job than the Medical Corps.

—New York "Times."



When the newspapers came out with the story of the rescue of the Army nurses who were imprisoned on Bataan and Corregidor—there were many old timers here who sighed a breath of relief and thankfulness. Among these were **Mrs. Margaret Hickey** who received notification in a telegram that her sister, 1st Lieut. **Eleanor O'Neil,** was one of the rescued. Three other nurses who were formerly of Letterman's nursing staff were known to be prisoners there at the time with Lieut. O'Neil. The three were 1st Lieut. **Josephine Nesbitt,** and 2nd Lieutenants **Ethel L. Blaine** and **Beulah Greenwalt.** Our best wishes are extended to all of the nurses and we hope the return to the homeland will be a speedy one.

A hearty welcome is extended to the following nurses reporting for duty here this week: Second Lieutenants **Roberta Sloan,** former Lettermanite, and **Florence Boyles,** who have each accomplished a tour of duty at an overseas station; and 1st Lieutenant **Florence S. Johnson** reports here after completing a tour of duty at Torney General Hospital.

Also 2nd Lieutenants **Mary G. Flannigan** and **Hazel Hellwig** return to the staff here. They had left us a short time ago but were neighborly since they were assigned at the Dante annex.

"Adieu" must follow the "welcome"—and this week our loss will be Madigan General Hospital's gain when 2nd Lieut. **Kathryn L. Joiner** goes there. She is taking a course in anesthesia.

Finally we received word from Capt. **Gladys N. Crosno,** who left several months ago to take an ocean voyage. She had been temporarily on detached service with the Navy—but at present is with the Army again and somewhere in the Marianas.

Former Lieut. **LaVon McClatchey** of the ANC, and now Mrs. Arne H. Lunden gave birth last week to a 9 pound baby boy. Both mother and son are doing very nicely, thank you.

The symphony concert presented by the Royal Air Force Band, consisting of 110 flyer musicians, was very enjoyable, according to several nurses who attended the affair.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Lieut. **Helen Cook** giving the new eye light treatment at the P. T. Room with evident success.

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Major **Joseph S. McGuinness** drop-in to tell his friends he has orders for Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

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Lieut. **Vaughn S. Deranian** doing a special job of escorting the Hollywood starlets here and there about the hospital.

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Lieut. **Frances V. Peterson** denying that she took "seconds" on the applie pie a la mode.

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Sergeant **Fred F. Barlettani** walking down the ramp—alone at last.

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Sergeant **Bob Bement** and **Herkimer** and **Wiley Parker** making the sports sheet of the "News" with their pictures.

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Miss **Alice V. Verbrugge** serving as "Acting Corporal" in the Chaplains' office during the absence of Corp. Pat Sullivan in New York.

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Everyone very happy over the liberation of the nurses in Manila.

HELP! HELP!

Since the opening of the recruiting drive for more civilian employees from the 8th of January to the 1st of February, 236 new employees have been added to the civilian personnel section at Letterman General Hospital. Given top priority by the War Manpower Commission, the immediate need for more employees was stressed by a concentrated campaign in the newspapers and over the radio. The new group of employees includes clerks, typists, mess attendants and night laborers. Applications will continue to be accepted for positions.

Complimentary tickets were sent to the Chief Nurse, who in turn distributed them among the nursing staff. Fortunate recipients were: Capt. **Lizzie O. Woods,** 1st Lieutenants **Rebacca D. Hoover, Norma T. Hamilton, Margaret Giles** and 2nd Lieutenants **Ethel S. Madden** and **Dora J. Martin.**

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 4, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Wedding Bells

Captain Andrew R. Edwards, Jr., Letterman Special Services Officer, and Jeane Winslow Rowe were united in wedlock at the Presidio Chapel on Wednesday before an assembly of friends that filled the Post Chapel to capacity.

Sgt. John F. Lynch, of DeWitt General Hospital, Auburn, Calif., and Miss Carter Ann Rowe were the attendants and Chaplain L. Lane McCammon officiated.

The young couple have the best wishes of the command for happiness in their married life.

OBITUARY

JOHN H. DAWSON

Funeral services for the late Lieutenant Colonel John H. Dawson, Medical Administrative Corps, U. S. Army, retired, were held in San Francisco Thursday morning last and followed by interment in the National Cemetery at the Presidio.

Colonel Dawson was recalled from retirement to active duty four years ago and served in the office of the Service Command Surgeon until ill health forced him to relinquish his post. His death occurred at Hot Springs, Ark., on 31 January.

Brig. General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General of Letterman, and Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft, Adjutant, represented this command at the funeral services.

WIRE . . . THE BACKBONE OF COMMUNICATIONS

In five months over 330,000 miles of wire, the backbone of communications, was laid in northwestern Europe for Army use, the Ninth Service Command signal officer learned today.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, Pvt., Med. Det.

In the limelight and "Our Buck of This Week" is the lot of tall, quiet and very amiable William E. Johnson, formerly of the combat engineers and veteran of South Pacific battles, now a corpsman at LGH.

Bill was born in Deer River, Minnesota, but only remained in that town until he was three, when his family decided the opportunities at International Falls were better. It was there that he received all of his education and upon completion of his schooling, Bill came West to seek his fortune. He landed in Oregon where he secured a job with a power-line construction company and was doing very well when he decided to join the Army under the one-year-draft-plan in 1940.

Induction preliminaries and basic training were all taken care of at Fort Lewis, Washington, and received assignment with the 41st Division of Engineers. In March, 1942 — he embarked for overseas with Australia as the ultimate destination. They remained there for eight months before proceeding to Sananda in New Guinea, where they experienced fighting for the first time. After action here, the unit stayed on doing construction work for less than a year. October, 1943 was the month that they moved on to Lae where they did steel construction work for two months before returning to Australia for another siege of rigid training. This accomplished they moved up to Finch-Haven where they stayed at a rest camp for three weeks and then went in on the landing at Hollandia. Biak followed—and finally in September his name was placed on the list for rotation—he was coming home.

In November, 1944—even before the arrival of his replacement—he was homeward bound. On 28 December 1944 the boat docked.

Increase in Returning Casualties Makes Hospitalization Near Home Difficult

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, declared today that because of the large number of casualties returning each month to the United States for further hospitalization it is impossible to send all patients to Army hospitals near their homes.

In December there were over 30,000 sick and wounded battle and non-battle casualties returned to this country, General Kirk pointed out. This is a 300 per cent increase over the number of battle and non-battle casualties returned to the United States in July.

"It is the policy of the Army Medical Department," General Kirk said, "whenever possible to satisfy the natural desire of a soldier and his family, that the soldier be sent to a hospital near his home. However, in view of the increased evacuation of patients to this country it is impossible to send all patients to hospitals near their homes.

Three principal factors guide the Medical Department in the selection of the hospital to which the soldier will be sent:

1. Where the patient can get the best treatment for his particular case.

2. What hospitals offering such specialized services have the facilities to care for additional cases.

3. What suitable and available hospital is located nearest to the soldier's home.

The benefits of sending a man to a hospital within relatively short traveling distance of his home must be weighed against the nature of his wound or illness, the need for specialized care and the availability of beds in those hospitals which are near his place of residence and which are staffed and equipped to handle his case.

Nearly all of the 60 Army General Hospitals in this country have been designated for one or more types of surgical or medical specialties. Because of the shortage of specialists in the United States, only a limited number of hospitals can be designated as centers for each type of specialty such as amputations, thoracic surgery, plastic surgery and neurosurgery.

Furthermore, Army hospitals are not located according to density of population. As a result the relatively few hospitals in the eastern part of the country have reached capacity patient loads and later arrivals who live in this densely populated section must be sent to hospitals some distance from their home communities.

Locations of hospitals were determined by two primary factors early in the course of the war. It was necessary to locate them near large training centers and to place most of them in the interior of the country for security reasons.

If a soldier who lives in Philadelphia is returned to this country in need of plastic surgery, he normally would be sent to Valley Forge General Hospital at Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, the nearest to Philadelphia of the eight General Hospitals specializing in that type of surgery. If, however, Valley Forge could not accommodate at that time any more plastic surgery cases, the soldier would have to be sent to another plastic surgery center. In placing him finally, however, every effort is made to send him to the next nearest hospital.

An amputation case, a soldier whose home is in Maryland, might reasonably expect on arrival in the United States to go to Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C., one of the six hospitals designated as amputation centers. If there were no beds available at Walter Reed, however, he would go to another amputation center which, although more distant from his home and family, is the next nearest hospital prepared to deal with his case.

Fight Fans

About one hundred patients from Letterman General Hospital, all just returned from the ~~Pa~~cific theater of operations, made a big hit at the Coliseum stadium here Monday evening. The group, enjoying ringside seats at the boxing show as guests of the management, drew a huge ovation from the crowd when the men contributed over sixty dollars to the March of Dimes collection, which was being collected during the show.

A disabled veteran, after watching the collections being taken, rose and doffed his cap, and proceeded to "pass the hat" to his fellow patients, who contributed generously. This act on the part of men who have already given so much was well received by the citizens of San Francisco.

ON THE SPOT



SAM SMITH, PFC., Infantry

Private First Class Sam Smith, an overseas veteran of two years—is featured "On the Spot" this week.

The 23-year-old infantryman of Saxapahaw, North Carolina, said that he considered himself "very lucky" to have escaped with hand and arm wounds when a 75-mm shell exploded near his foxhole on Leyte Island. "It could have been much worse," he declared, "for I might have lost my eyesight. You see, I had my hand over my eyes to guard them against the blinding flash of the shell when I was hit."

Sam was wounded while his outfit was corssing a valley to knock out a Jap hill position after fighting for 18 days with the 32nd Infantry Division on Leyte. He also saw action at Saidor and Aitape on New Guinea. And though he has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action—he preferred to minimize his own achievements with, "Shucks, I didn't do very much. I killed a few Japs here and there but they probably would have got me if I hadn't fired first. That's one thing they emphasize in the Infantry—being alert and fast on the trigger."

Reticent about discussing his own experiences, the private recounted the exploits of his buddies in action: "I'll always remember some of the things I saw on Leyte, where you had to have guts to survive," he said. "During one battle while we were pushing inland — a buddy of mine singlehandedly attacked a Jap machinegun nest with a BAR. After he had fired several bursts standing up, the BAR developed a stoppage, but it didn't faze him. He ran back and got another BAR and proceeded to knock out the machinegun. Another buddy mowed down nine Japs with a "Tommy" gun before he was killed himself."

MEDICAL DETACH

A hearty welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: S/Sgt. Donald F. Allison, William B. Sackheim, Russell F. Cox, Wilfred L. Buss; Sergeants Robert E. Tidmon and George O. Brewer and Earl F. Lee; Corporals Ora O. Scrivner, Glenn W. Stein, William L. Kollner; Techs. 5th Gr. J. P. Wilson, Thomas D. Hunt, Archie V. Oscarson, Harold R. Gillespie, Herbert T. Spence, Wes Kelly, John A. DeTar, Victor H. Brown, Lawrence Mazza, Raymond B. Westrup, Ralph V. Hyde and Everett Wentworth; PFCs Manuel R. Contreros, Joseph E. Johnson, Chester C. Niesen, Bennie R. Stevens, Earl R. Coburn, Herbert N. Hawkins, Fred E. Smith, James A. Rankin and John C. Kohnen; Privates John Aspropoulos, Alfred J. Letourneau, Daniel E. Estrada, Frank J. Birringer, Joseph Kraynik, William E. Johnson, William S. Hagerman, Edward R. Valerien, George F. Cremeans, Raymond V. Pierson, Louis Richenback and James E. Hanson.

Lucky GIs who received furloughs during the past week were: T/4th Gr. Charles D. Dinkins, Pfc. Harry A. Steed and Pvt. Braley T. Hart, who each received 23 days; T/4th Gr. Joseph Willer, Sgt. George Schwarzman and Pfc. Harold J. Gross, with 21 days; Pvt. Henry T. Baca, 19 days; Sgt. Paul G. Simmons and T/5th Gr. William S. Baldwin, 17 days; S/Sgts. Manuel Kapkin and Leland R. Goodwin, T/3rd Gr. James R. Lewis and Pvt. Edward F. Flores each received 15 days. Pfc. Leonard J. Gervais, 10 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Isaac Hatton, NCO of East Hospital mess, developing a new system comparable to movement in football, seconds before noon, by calling "Get set!"—and the cooks are on the food line dishing out chow to the thousands of patients and duty personnel in an orderly and efficient manner.

The genial T/5th Gr. Israel Kulak fast becoming a favorite with the patients for his treatment in "making them feel right at home"—one of the main hospital rules.

SMILE FOR THE PRETTIE BIRDIE— MAKE THE CAMERAMAN HAPPY



Pvt. WILBUR D. GUNTER
Ace Cameraman of the Letterman Photo Lab

With some people it could be called an inherited disease, and with others it amounts to an uncontrollable addiction, but with Private Wilbur D. Gunter we'd say photography comes under both headings.

Private Gunter is the man you see with his face behind a camera and his hand holding a flash-bulb in the best statue-of-liberty manner in almost any locality you care to inspect in the hospital. He comes by his talent, or weakness, whichever you choose to label photography, both by inclination and because during his early and formative years he spent a good part of his time puttering with a camera with his father in South Bend, Indiana. Gunter attended school in South Bend and then took to the road playing the drums with a dance band until 1936, when his early training got the best of him and he started his own photography shop in Bryan, Ohio, specializing in portraiture and commercial photography. Newspaper photography was his next venture, and he added more excitement to his job by working in the sheriff's office in Bryan, taking pictures of accidents and for identification.

In Holland and in Saginaw, Michigan, he added to his versatility by photographing furniture and women in the order named. He tells us very definitely that while furniture is interesting to work with, he still prefers beautiful women.

Gunter was inducted into the Army in March, 1944, and after finishing basic training at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, came to Letterman, where he was enrolled as a laboratory technician in the Medical Detachment Enlisted Technicians School. At the de-activation of the school he was assigned to the new Letterman photographic laboratory, under Lieutenant Colonel Harold L. Stewart, with Private John Schutz and Pfc. Eric Peterson, where he has had a busy and active life.

Gunter is married and has a six-year-old son, who, he tells us, loves to pose. He has adequately proved to us that he is a man of great talents, for in spite of the fact that he first saw his future wife when he was playing the drums, it took him only two months to catch her eye and manage an introduction.

The photo laboratory is doing a fine job, and most of the excellent pictures you see in the Fog Horn are the result.

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Congratulations are extended to those men who received promotions since the first of the year: Six Technical Sergeants, 10 Staff Sergeants, two Technicians 3rd Grade, 19 Sergeants, 14 Technicians 4th Grade, 12 Corporals, and 29 Technicians 5th Grade. Regret that lack of space does not permit a complete list of names.

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T/4th Gr. Roy Connor so far as we know, has the most patriotic family in SCU 1960. He has a wife who is a Technician 3rd Grade in the WAC in France and a son in Fort Ord waiting to be shipped somewhere.

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Everyone seems to be well satisfied with the new location of SCU 1960, Hospital Train Unit.

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The saddest man in the outfit, T/5th Gr. Walter Vecchio of the Personnel Department, who handles everyone's discharge but his own.

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Affable T/Sgt. Ferguson of "B" Company has a new protege under his wing: T/5th Gr. Perlstein of Medical Supply.

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First Sgt. Gearhart of "C" Company is looking for a coin with two heads, since he lost an "odd-man flip" and wound up buying what amounted to a second lunch for Sgt. "Joe" and a certain Lieut.

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We wonder what caused T/Sgt. Keady, our quiz kid genius at Post Hqs. to simulate agony worthy of the ghost in Hamlet, the other day . . . runneritis!!

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Pfc. Jim "Slumburner" Basel, our New York man-about-town, has set his goal for T/6th Grade since his recent promotion.

43 COMBAT DAYS EQUAL ALL BATTLES OF 1918

Based on September's fire power in France, United States ground troops fire in 43 combat days enough ammunition to equal the entire amount Americans fired in all the battles of 1918, Ninth Service Command ordnance officers revealed today.

Hospital Trains Supplied by Gifts From S. P. Employees

The Southern Pacific Employees Association of San Francisco, who, in addition to other war activities, have been generously supplying every hospital train leaving this area with candy, gum, cigarettes and reading material, spent a total of $507.81 for the month of December alone on these gifts. Of this total $399.81 was spent for candy and $108 for cigarettes. Games, magazines and books were all donated.

This activity, which is the largest war project of this organization, has been steadily increasing in scope as the number of hospital trains leaving this area increases.

Keenly interested in the welfare of the returning veteran, the group contributed anything that would help to make the trip more pleasant. Delivered to each train are stacks of the most recent magazines, ranging from comics to the more informative type, such as TIME and NEWSWEEK. Copies of recent best-sellers as well as the classics are always included among the books. For recreation games of all descriptions are donated as well as jigsaw puzzles. The generous supply of cigarettes include all popular brands so the returning veterans never lack for a smoke. The candy supply includes all makes of favorite candy bars as well as assortments and boxes of candy.

Adding to the personal feeling of each gift, a small card with the association's insignia in one corner and a personal comment from the giver, such as "bon voyage," etc., is included with every package.

After the long and trying period overseas that most of the returning veterans have experienced, these remembrances from those on the home front are greatly appreciated.

Up to 31 December 1944 the employees of the Southern Pacific System in San Francisco have contributed a total of $20,995.40 to this welfare work among the servicemen in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General at Letterman, adds his appreciation to that of the patients and wishes the S. P. employees to know that he feels their practical interest in the returning servicemen is a distinct contribution to their high state of morale. They know the home folks are behind them and hold a place in their hearts.

IT'S BAKER'S JOB TO LEARN WHAT'S COOKING HERE AND THERE FOR PRO



Mrs. MONA K. BAKER
Assistant to Public Relations Officers

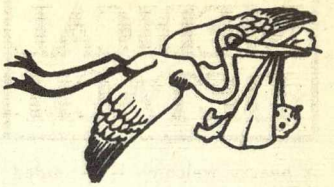
The little lady in the red dress who has been asking questions of patients in the P.X. these days is no agent of a foreign power but a very welcome addtion to our public relations staff. She came to us from the Office of The Surgeon General in Washington and is gradually getting used to the idea of doing without things so plentiful nearer the source of supply. A day or two after she reported she made a request for some rubber bands. She was dolefully told we have had no rubber bands around here for nearly three years. Her comment—"How dreadful."

Well, she was not always in the center of affluence. Born in Deer Lodge, Montana, where she went through high school and then to the University of Montana for her degree in journalism and business administration. She began her professional career at station KGVO in Missoula and later moved to KWID in San Francisco and has had extensive experience in script writing for radio, as well as news writing for broadcasting.

If you have read this far it might be opportune to mention her name—Mrs. Mona K. Baker—yes, she is married and her soldier husband is in far off India right now with the Medical Administrative Corps in the role of Medical Supply Officer. Mrs. Baker shyly admits that she became involved in matrimony even before finishing her university course so that makes her an old married lady.

Mrs. Baker has a ready smile and an engaging manner with dark eyes so easy to look into. And that will explain why she has people answering her questions fully and freely. A glance at her and our returning GIs are ready to talk and tell everything. Even though she has been with us but a short time she has already induced us to include her name among the things we are grateful for.

For a girl who got her start in Deer Lodge she has gone a long way around to get to Letterman—and she is a definite asset here.



To Lieut. and Mrs. **Herbert Kitchenman** a daughter, Barbara Ellen; born 3 February; weight 6 pounds 5 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Nick Girimonte** a daughter, Victoria; born 27 January; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

To Lieut. and Mrs. **Earl Goodway** a daughter, Karen Jean; born 30 January; weight 6 pounds 11 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Howard Griffith** a son, Ronald Ellis; born 1 February; weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Alfred Knutsen** a daughter, Marcia Evangeline; born 29 January; weight 6 pounds 5 ounces.

To Tech. 4th Gr. and Mrs. **James Proudfoot** a son, James Robert, born 29 January; weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Rene Iacomini** a daughter, Karene Sandra; born 1 February; weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Richard Dills** a son, Jack Russell; born 2 February; weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Edward Blanchard** a son, Lawrence Edward; born 30 January; weight 8 pounds 10 ounces.

To Lieut. and Mrs. **Robert Reagle** a daughter, Martha Carroll; born 30 January; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Samuel Tiechner** a daughter, Cynthia Jill; born 31 January; weight 8 pounds 2 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. **Frank Clark** a daughter, Penelope Anne, born 1 February; weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Harry Penn** a daughter, Carola Joyce, born 30 January; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. **Eugene Lund** a son, Eugene S. Jr., born 29 January; weight 10 pounds.

To Lieut. and Mrs. **Laurence Leach** a son, Ronald Richard, born 27 January; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **John Headley** a son, Steven Donald, born 4 February; weight 6 pounds 11 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Bernard Skold** a daughter, Karen Ellen, born 29 January; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Earl Hayes** a son, Lawrence Douglas, born 29 January; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

Wounded Veterans All Remember Valentine Day

Dressed in their hospital "reds," they walked along peering in the showcases at the displays . . . they carefully read gaily decked greeting cards . . . they paused by the candy counters . . . and we knew that those happy traditions which are so much a part of America will never be lost. For the 14th of February will be Valentine's Day, and wounded men just back from the fighting fronts haven't forgotten. Indeed not! The post exchange at Letterman General Hospital in the Presidio of San Francisco has been a very busy place these past few days.

It is a far cry from the jungles of New Guinea, the dense undergrowth of Leyte, the biting cold of the far north . . . from the bitter fighting on the battlefronts . . . to the calm and peace of the United States and Valentine's Day. But still they remember, those heroes of ours who have come back!

In groups, couples or alone, they wandered around in the post exchange looking for that "special something" for that "special person." The perfume counter was especially busy. There they bought perfume brightly topped with rosebuds and carnations . . . white satin sachets . . . dainty boxes of powder. Or they bought jewelry—brilliant costume pins, tiny gold lockets, bracelets and rings.

We talked to some of these men. Sgt. William M. Thomas, of Bridgeport, Conn., was looking for a watch for his girl, Mary. Sgt. Thomas had been overseas for 18 months in the Signal Corps and had just returned to Letterman from Leyte.

Over by the candy counter we found a private looking over the bright heart-shaped boxes of candy, but he was somewhat reluctant to talk. Yes, he was buying candy for Valentine's Day . . . for, well, for someone rather special. The colorful Valentine boxes of candy rather appealed to the men, for we found several other veterans who planned to buy candy. Pfc. Wilbur Brown, of Greenfield, Ind., who had served ten months overseas as a "medic" in the infantry, was buying candy for his wife, Anna Lou. Pfc. Joseph P. Harrington, of Seattle, Washington, the wearer of the Distinguished Service Cross, planned to buy candy for his aunts. Pfc. Harrington returned recently from the South Pacific where he has seen action as a flame thrower in the infantry. Pfc. Gene Kissner, of Davenport, Iowa, who had served 12 months overseas with the engineers, planned to send both flowers and candy to his mother and father as his Valentine remembrance.

By the greeting card counter we found Cpl. Curtis R. Buckner, of Hazard, Ky., just returned from three years duty overseas as a gunner in the Army Air Force. He was anxious to send greetings to the best girl in the world . . . his mom.

And so they continue to shop and buy. Some walked with a slight limp, some had bandaged hands or shoulders in casts, but their hearts are happy and their faith is strong. Yes, it's good to be back . . . even good to remember Valentine's Day . . . even if it is a little sentimental.

POLLY CADET . . .



LIVE WIRE LIVENS NATIVES

Technical Sergeant James McHan of Sacramento, Calif., newly arrived at Letterman from Guadalcanal after 13 months overseas has this story to tell about his native helpers.

As an electrician with an engineering division, it was his job to install electric light equipment at one of the bases. Assisting him was a group of natives who were "tickled to death to see the electric lights go on." After watching the event for some time, one of the natives informed Sergeant McHan that he would like to have one of those lights for his house. The soldier promised to give him one if he would bring a tin cup, and the native readily complied. As he held out the cup, Sergeant McHan touched it with a live wire, which would result in a spark of light and also a sharp electric shock. With the resulting shock the native would drop the cup. Extremely puzzled the native looked under the cup, diligently searched the ground and finally decided he had lost the light. So he would hold out the cup again. This procedure was repeated a number of times, until Sergeant McHan decided he should get his equipment installed. In his interview at Letterman, Sergeant McHan said probably the native was still looking for the lights he thought that he had lost.

Mr. Ray V. Shine Honored for Ten Years of Service

In recognition of the completion of ten years of faithful and satisfactory service rendered to the War Department and to the nation, two civilian employees at Letterman, Miss Signe Anderson and Mr. Raymond Shine, received awards from Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, USA, Commanding General, at special ceremonies held last Saturday afternoon. After pinning on the civilian award (a dark blue ribbon with a red star in the center), General Hillman reviewed the excellent record of both and expressed appreciation for their loyal service. Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, PC, Post Adjutant, read the citation which accompanied the award.

Ten years ago, on January 7, 1935, both employees entered government work at Presidio headquarters and were told their positions were for six months, possibly longer. The "possibly longer" materialized into ten years.

Mr. Shine is Administrative Assistant to the Control Officer, Major Leslie D. Snyder. He is a native of San Francisco, and graduated from the University of San Francisco. He took post graduate work in commerce and finance at the University of California. Prior to entering government work, he was employed by the American Trust Company. He was assigned as Chief of the Statistical Section at the Presidio before coming to Letterman in 1942 to assume his present position.

Miss Anderson is a clerk-stenographer in the officer personnel section. She was born in Sweden, coming to the United States when she was four years old. Her first position was in the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1942 she was transferred to the Signal Corps for six months before coming to Letterman Hospital.

Toni Seven

The little lovely who is the heart of our Valentine page is Miss Tony Seven—one of the newest Hollywood highlights. She is 21, golden haired, five feet four and one half inches, and weighs 108 pounds. If you want an autographed photo of Toni Seven just write to Russell Birdwell, 200 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Hospital Trains Are Now Part of General Hillman's Command

Orders were issued last week by the Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, placing the Hospital Train Unit, SCU 1960, under the command of Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman General Hospital.

The Hospital Train Unit will function completely apart from the administrative control of Letterman, and continue to transfer patients to inland hospitals as in the past. Detachments of the Unit will be organized and stationed at Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington, and Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, California. Details are yet to be worked out in connection with the detachments at the other two west coast debarkation hospitals.

The Hospital Train Unit, formerly under the overall supervision of the commanding officer, Presidio of California, has been commanded by Major Algot R. Nelson, MC, since its organization. He was formerly on the staff at Letterman and on duty at the Receiving and Evacuation Office. His experience in that office, and the organization he developed in the handling of incoming and outgoing patients, prompted his selection to head the train unit and he has been with it since it began to function as a separate command. No changes are contemplated as a result of the shift in overall supervision to the commanding general of Letterman.

The new hospital unit cars are being added to the equipment as fast as the Pullman Company can build them. It is anticipated that within a few months all patients will be transported on the new unit cars. It contains a kitchen, small surgery, bunks for 32 patients, and sleeping accommodations for the Medical Department technicians, as well as roomettes for the nurse and the Medical Officer in command of the train.

General Hillman and Major Nelson are now in the east attending a conference of Hospital Train Unit commanders where solutions for the common problems involved in the transportation of patients to all parts of the country will be sought.



MERRY MERMAIDS
Who will appear in the "Aquacade" on Sunday at the Army YMCA across the street. Reading from top to bottom—Lorraine Fisher, Donna Maddock, Marion Pontacq, Marylin Sahner and Zoe Ann Olson.

Second Edition of The Aquacade to Appear on Sunday

Once again the men of Letterman will be treated to an outstanding exhibition of aquatic arts when the youthful pupils of the famed coach, Charlie Sava, will present the second edition of "The Aquacade" exclusively for the veterans who are patients at Letterman General Hospital. The swimming pool at the Army YMCA in the Presidio will be the scene of the demonstration and the time is 1400 on Sunday afternoon.

Heading the swimming stars will be Miss Ann Curtis, the young lady who was voted the premier athlete of the years by the Amateur Athletic Union and awarded the gold medal accompanying that selection.

In addition to Miss Curtis there will be Marilyn Sahner, better known as "Sugar," a former national free style swimming champion and a member of the 1940 Olympic team, Lorraine Fisher, former national medley champion and American record holder, Marion Falconer Pontacq, far west back stroke champion and member of the 1940 Olympic team, Donna Maddock, junior Pacific Association back stroke champion, and Zoe Ann Olson, ranking national diving champion.

The program has been arranged as a feature of the Reconditioning Division activity, with the co-operation of Mr. Wilbur D. Vincent, Associate Executive Secretary, Army YMCA, and Mr. Charles Sava, of the Crystal Plunge in San Francisco.

The girls will be guests of the hospital at supper following the program and will hit the "chow line" with the patients.

"YOU ARE SO NICE TO COME HOME TO" HUMS A HOME SICK G.I.

"All this and home, too" was the way Pvt. Clarence E. Fegely, of Allentown and Leyte, put it as he looked into the eyes of pretty Marie Harmon, movie starlet from Hollywood, who was visiting on the wards of Letterman on the day following his arrival by air from the Philippine battle area.

When Fegely finally tore his glances away from the attractive young visitor he had a story to tell about the action filled night of enemy mortar fire and bursting hand grenades. A night that was merely a prelude to the early morning battle on Leyte Island in which he was wounded.

"Another company, with our company in reserve, had captured a big hill from the Japs, and we went in late in the afternoon to hold the hill while the other company retired to rest and re-form," he said. "We dug in well around that hilltop, because we knew what to expect.

"First, the Japs laid mortar fire all over the crest, and I remember that at one time they dropped three successive shells on the same spot less than 20 feet from my foxhole. That was when I began to get scared.

"Then they managed to swing almost all the way around the hill, and individual Japs began filtering into and around our lines, flinging hand grenades to catch any man who might stick his head up out of his foxhole. They were determined to take that hill back, and we knew we were in for plenty of hell.

"Boy, was I scared that night."

"The Japs started their counter-attack in the morning, and I was wounded not long after it began to happen. A hand grenade plopped into my hole and exploded before I could reach it to hurl it back.

"My right leg, around the knee, was cut to pieces by the grenade fragments, and eventually had to be amputated just above the joint. A large fragment ripped into my arm, and several smaller ones lodged in my chest.

Private Fegely was alone in the hole, severely wounded, and the Jap attack was rolling to its height as machinegun and mortar fire raked the hill with hot, screaming steel. For a few minutes he was too stunned to help himself, and the fire was too heavy for any help to get to him.



Private Clarence Fegely, Infantry, of Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, and Marie Harmon, Universal starlet, who was a visitor on the wards at Letterman recently. What is there about the look that lies in a woman's eyes—oh, well—

"I knew I had to get aid right away, though," he continued, "and I crawled and dragged myself about 50 yards to the platoon command post, where our medic was. He bandaged my wound, then a huge, husky fellow picked me up in his arms and started running as fast as he could for the company command post, with machinegun bullets and mortar fragments ripping all around us.

"He had carried me about 100 yards at a run— I don't see how he had the strength to do it—when somebody shouted to him that a man had been hit by machinegun fire. He laid me down in the shelter of a little depression, and headed for that machinegun.

"I saw him go right into the machinegun fire, pick up the wounded man, and bring him out—all in one wild dash. He was in our company and I knew him by sight, but I never did know him name.

"I lay for a minutes where he had put me, then two men came up to help me get out of there. They dragged me 500 yards through the mud to where the litter bearers could pick me up.

"Whenever the Jap fire slacked up a little, they would get up and start pulling me along. When it got too heavy, they would drop down beside me and wait for another lull."

"The litter bearers took over from there, and I finally reached the battalion dressing station and my wounds got thorough attention there.

"Our company was pushed off the hill by the Japs that morning, but another company went back the next day and took it away from them again for good."

Private Fegely, who has the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, joined the 32nd Division overseas as a replacement. He fought at Aitape on New Guinea, on Morotai in the Moluccas group, and on Leyte in the Philippines, and has the Philippine liberation campaign ribbon granted by the Philippine Commonwealth government.

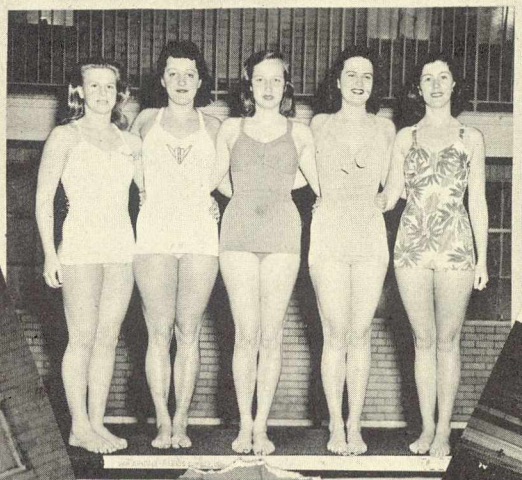
His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fegely, and his wife, Mrs. Lorraine Fegely, live at Allentown.

"What will my wife say when she appraises the soulful look in the eyes of Miss Harmon? Well, we have always been almost psychic in our understanding and she will know immediately that although I was looking at Miss Harmon I was thinking of her."

And by this time Pvt. Fegely has gone to a hospital nearer his home and has had the opportunity to learn if their private "psychic system" is still in working order.

YOUTHFUL SWIMMERS TO ENTERTAIN PATIENTS AT AQUACADE

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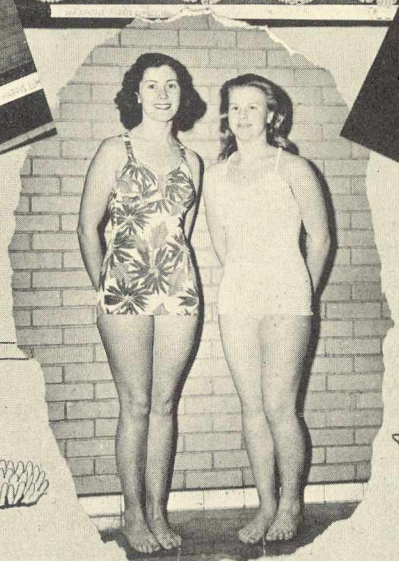


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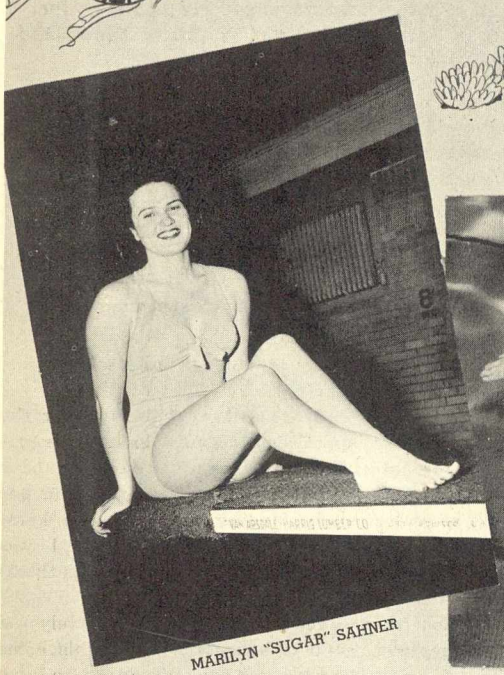


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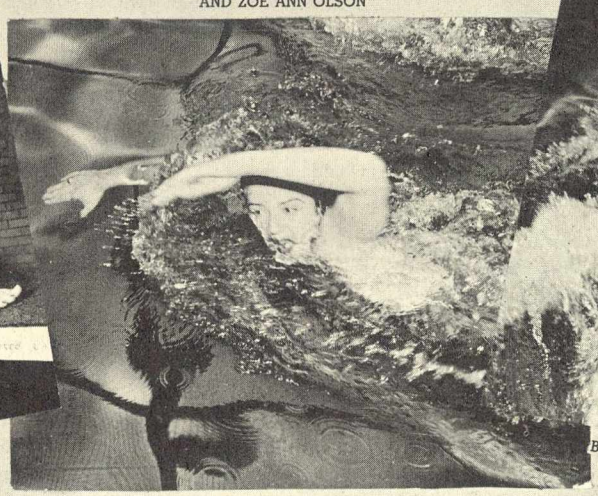




MARION FALCONER PONTACQ
AND ZOE ANN OLSON



MARILYN "SUGAR" SAHNER



DONNA MADDOCK



BACK STROKE CHAMP

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Post-War Planning

Most soldiers have had such a rough time in the Army and in combat they're apt to think of a return to civilian life as a transmigration to the land of milk and honey, but believe us, going hungry because you can't afford the bacon is a lot more debilitating than going hungry because the rear echelon lost the powdered eggs.

Too often, veterans leave the Army full of notions that because they have given very nearly their all for their country, they will be given anything they want in the way of a job. Naturally, veterans will have preference in jobs, and if you wish to return to your old job, the law entitles you to that right. Just because you've always had a desire to be an engineer is not enough to obtain a job as an engineer, you'll have to know something about engineering, and that fact is not as obvious to many as it should be.

Particularly while you're in the hospital is the time to start preparing yourself for civilian life, and the Army offers you every opportunity to study and supplement your existing training, or prepare for further training upon discharge.

The Busiest Phone

We nominate for the busiest telephone on the Presidio that in the Army YMCA—Number 2277—Ever try to get it?



This week's announcement: Mrs. **Adeline V. Santoro,** formerly a lieutenant on the nursing staff here, gave birth to a 7 pound 3 ounce baby boy—name of "Freddy."

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First Lieutenant **Hazel F. Benner** bid adieu to her many friends here recently when she received orders effecting a transfer to Bushnell General Hospital in Brigham City, Utah. Bst wishes of all who know her, follow Miss Benner to her new locale.

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First Lieutenant **Elizabeth E. Foster** has returned to duty on Ward D-1—but something is missing. The lieutenant has just had her tonsils removed.

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Now on leave—and soon to depart for a distant station is: 1st Lieutenant **Ann Rose.** Where she's going—nobody knows.

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First Lieutenant **Mary E. Tyrell,** the cheerful personality on Ward A-1, so noticeably absent for some time is back again. She was home in Mackinaw, Ilinois, during her recent leave.

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Latest nurse cadet reports: That during the past week—three cadets took their departure to return to their respective hospitals for graduation. The three were: Misses **Elda P. Facchini, Joyce V. Mitchell,** and **Claudine Villa.** Each of these cadets seriously intends to join the Army Nurse Corps as soon as possible.

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Results of the election for Student Body officers, held by the cadets last week were: President, **Jeanette Riechers;** vice president, **Mary Elizabeth Hock;** secretary-treasurer, **Beth Craddock,** and student representatives, **Marilyn Cole** and **Betty J. Wallar.**

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Three newcomers to the Cadet Corps this week were: Misses **Sara E. Crawford** who comes from St. Luke's Hospital and **Therese C. Donahue** and **Betty A. Sloat** from the Providence Hospital in Oakland.

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Lieut. **Regina Burnett,** formerly of Letterman, and more recently returned from overseas, is a patient at Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys, Calif.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Mrs. **Russell H. Patterson** making a donation of "Snifties" to the Chaplain. Not "Snifters" but "Snifties."

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Sgt. **Herman Gai** and Sgt. **Caesar Micheletti** back in their old environment and having many callers. Friends in need.

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Mr. **Lyle M. Brown,** division manager, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., with several members of his staff, paying a visit to the telephone center here.

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Colonel **William D. Herbert** bearing the burden of command during the temporary absence of the Commanding General in the east.

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Staff Sgt. and Mrs. **Merle West** taking off for Fort Lewis where she is to meet her in-laws for the first time. Happy landings.

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Major **Donald E. Bailey** getting in a lot of work on supply with the miniature railway in the reconditioning division.

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Mr. **Wilbur D. Vincent** at the "Y" almost managing to be in two places at the same time.

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The new lines to the Assembly Hall; should help those who have weaved through the New York subways.

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Blossoms here and there. Can spring be far behind?

Phony Nurse Held When Check Bounces

Washington (CNS) — She was wearing a major's uniform of the Army-Nurse Corps, and was decked out with campaign ribbons and a Purple Heart Decoration, but she made the mistake of passing a worthless check on a Pittsburgh hotel.

The FBI investigated, found she was an impostor who had stolen the uniform and Army credentials from their owner and was wanted for passing bad checks in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Chicago as well. Arraigned under the name of Ann Trip Brown, she was held in $6000 bond for trial.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 18, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

U. S. Consultant For Public Health Visits Letterman

Letterman cadet nurses were addressed by Miss Lyndon McCarrol, R. N. Consultant of the United States Public Health Service, on Tuesday, February 15.

Miss McCarroll is the representative for the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and California, and is making a tour of the Army installations in those states where cadet nurses are present. As the result of her inspection of the teaching methods employed by the Army, she will aid in having the cadets in non-military hospital schools better prepared for their military service.

For You—Outfit

Have you been keeping up with the men of your old unit? Have you heard of the recent changes in personnel, rotations, furloughs, awards and decorations that have taken place overseas? If you haven't read OUTFIT, the weekly free magazine which brings you the latest from all theaters. It is distributed regularly at this hospital.

Reading Habits

Since approximately eight months ago, when Letterman became primarily a debarkation hospital, a change has been noted in the reading habits of the returning veterans. Since most of the patients will remain only a short time in the hospital, they ask for mainly magazines, and books that they can complete within a couple of days. Western stories are still the most popular type of book followed by humorous stories, best sellers and love stories.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



MICHAEL BERGEL,
Private, Medical Detachment.

"Why did you select me?" was the query of Private Michael Bergel when interviewed to be featured as "Buck of this week." But his queries were suppressed by the interviewer with—"Because you're a buck private."

Private Bergel was born in Linhart, Pennsylvania, where he remained all of his life—and just leaving that community for a time to attend school at the nearby town of Turtle Creek. He completed his schooling in 1931 and since that time has experienced several types of work. Two of the most interesting were the El Como Country Club job and his punch press work for Westinghouse. His pleasure with his latter job is expressed with his desire to return there once he dons civilian attire again.

The congenial private was inducted into the Army on the 3rd of December, 1943 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Fro mthere he embarked on his career in the service of his country—and arrived at Fort George Meade, Maryland, for his basic training. There followed another rigid training period at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he underwent more training and this time with the Engineers. Training and studying seemed to be the main objective where Bergel was concerned—and there followed a short period of schooling in Atlanta, Georgia at the Automotive Vehicle School. Then back to Virginia—and more training. Finally came the opportunity of his lifetime—the private was going to come West. Fort Lewis was the first stop-off on the west coast, where he remained for 10 weeks in a casual company. There followed a transfer into the MPs and several changes from one place to another, finally turning up at Letterman as a corpsman on Ward No. 1.

"Your Old Job Will Be Waiting" NAM Head Tells Servicemen

By Camp Newspaper Service

"No veteran who left a job in manufacturing industry need worry about stepping back into it upon his return, if he wants it."

That is the pledge made to America's fighting men by Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Re-employment of the veteran at his old job is "the minimum guarantee under the Selective Service Act and the so-called GI Bill of Rights," Mr. Mosher said.

"But," he added, "there isn't a manufacturer among the 12,000 members of the NAM or the 40,000 employers affiliated with this organization through the National Industrial Council who wouldn't consider the mere letter of the law a personal, scarlet brand if that were all industry had to offer."

Mr. Mosher declared that the manufacturing industry is assuming responsibility for some 3,000,000 jobs for returning servicemen when the war ends, as a "minimum." According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, manufacturing normally employs about 25 percent of the total national labor force.

"But industry," he continued, "is throwing 'minimums' out the window today. Management is planning new 'averages' and a survey conducted among some 2000 NAM members, shortly before Von Rundstedt's December break-through taught us to stop thinking about post-war plans so heartily, indicates that manufacturing will supply 30 percent more jobs than in its last peacetime year."

There won't be much lag, either, while industry is re-converting to peace-time production, he declared. The same survey, he said, "indicates that 95 percent of all industry can complete reconversion within 8 weeks after the government gives it the 'green light' and 76 percent of these firms will be in full production within that period.

"If the rest of our economy does as well," he added, "it is quite likely that this country will have maximum employment in no uncertain terms."

Industry is giving special attention, Mr. Mosher asserted, to the problem of placing the handicapped man. It has learned, he declared, that "no disabled or handicapped man is handicapped if he is properly placed on the right job."

And manufacturing employers, he declared, aren't going to be afraid of the label "neuro-psychiatric," tacked on to those men whose nervous equipment wasn't quite up to the demands of Army discipline or combat strains.

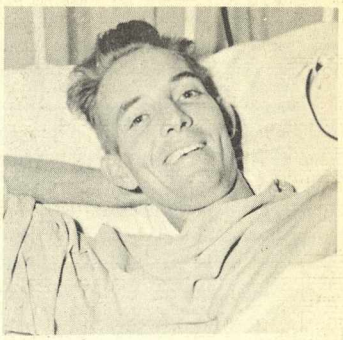
"Industry can and will absorb most of them," he says flatly. "Recent surveys by competent medical men experienced in industrial problems reveal that there are just as many, if not more NPs already working in industry than will return from the ranks. Their foibles simply stay hidden because civilian life offers more chance for compensation than barracks and fox-holes."

"Industry," he concludes, "is ready for the returning serviceman—selfishly so. War took the best this nation had to offer, the best of our youth. Industry wants it back, and so does every other segment of this economy."



TRIO FROM MISSION HIGH SCHOOL
Call at Letterman with the regular monthly gifts for the patients. This month the Valentine motif predominated. L. to R.—Rita Garrity, Kathleen Hill and Lucille Mahret. Mrs. Florence Millikin, student counsellor, who accompanied the girls is not shown in photo.

ON THE SPOT



GEORGE E. O'HARA,
S/Sgt., Inf.

"On the Spot" this week is S/Sgt. George E. O'Hara of Greenville, Mississippi, who was with the 81st Infantry Division during the invasion of Angaur.

The sergeant grinned as he recalled the incident where the landing craft had stalled while speeding for the beachhead.

"Our platoon leader, a lieutenant, jumped out first," said O'Hara, "and it didn't make me feel very good when I saw him disappear in water over his head. But I bailed out too and attempted to swim as best I could with my heavy equipment. I managed to get a footing after a few minutes which seemed like hours in water up to my neck, but in the confusion I lost my rifle." Thus he made for the beachhead, firing a .45 pistol at the Japs.

"A Jap pillbox was giving us the most trouble when we pushed in. It was laying down deadly machine-gun fire which killed and wounded a number of my buddies. Our tanks put it out of commission long enough for some of our men to sneak up and drop a satchel charge of dynamite in the aperture. Then the Japs inside were blown to smithereens," the sergeant related. "About the only opposition we encountered came from Jap snipers who kept bedevilling us from trees. However, we ran into some rough action when we reached our objective and tried to drive the Japs from the caves. It took us three days to knock them out because they were so well fortified."

The Infantry took the Angaur beachhead a few hours after landing on September 17th. The next 10 days were spent in a drive across the island where 300 Japs were hidden in caves in a montainous region.

MEDICAL DETACH

Furloughs were given to the following men during the past week: Sergeant Dayton A. Withrow received 23 days; Privates Robert S. Dotseth and Fred W. Kreil, 21 days; Private William C. Jarding, 20 days; Tech 5th Gr. Emory E. Ethington, 17 days, and Corporal Richard D. Dills and Private Delbert L. Shortridge each got 15 days. Also Private Charles W. Payne received 20 days.

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: Staff Sergeants Perry McCarty and Lee F. Smith; Sergeants Charles G. Dietz, Charles H. Moore and John H. Slice; Tech. 3rd Gr. Jack S. Murray; Corporals Frank Denota and Duane D. Trim; Technicians 5th Grade Carmen J. Minardi, Ray D. Stam, Joseph Hernandez and Harold R. Gillespie; Privates First Class James Shaffer, Jack Kyman, Samuel Gersh, Bernard C. Escobar, Harry Klein, Carl J. Boke and Arthur Watson. Also to Privates Ernest I. Roth, George Blackmon, Herbert Burkholz, Maurice W. Chapek, Arthur Blackwell, William Carr, Gerald O'Neil, Carl J. Bolke, Salvador Casino, Vincent Canizaro, Albert J. Batross and Carmine J. Donnanduono.

"Good luck" to the following men who left the detachment during the past week: Tech 3rd Gr. Lionel L. Alford; Tech. 5th Gr. William Fairbanks; Privates First Class Joe Souza and Ernest Patterson, and to Privates Albert Munoz, Robert F. Miller and Kenneth S. Lee.

The exceedingly large number of "first three graders" crowding into the De Luxe Room in the East Hospital mess lately. In the very near future it may be ncessary to move them into the large mess hall and the privates will fit in the De Luxe

S/Sgt. Merle C. West preparing for a train ride to Fort Lewis, Washington, where he will be going to Reconditioning School. It is a six weeks course after which the sergeant will return to LGH.

The nickname of the 90-mm motor carriage, M-36, has been changed from "General Jackson" to "Slugger," the Ninth Service Command ordnance officer learned today.

BLONDES GET PREFERENCE WHEN VETS MEET NEW LETTERMAN JEWEL



Mrs. GEORGE A. GREENWOOD
Instructor in jewelry designed in the Arts and Skills section of the Reconditioning Division. Mrs. Greenwood is one of many volunteers in that section, and all doing splendid work.

Jewelry has always been known as a most fascinating subject to the fair sex, but we figured there must be something more than an overwhelming interest in pleasing their ladies, when a steady parade of patients began trooping daily to the Arts and Skills shop, winding up in the jewelry-making section. We had never realized that so many coins, shells, and bits of Jap zeros had found their way to this shore, until we saw them turned out from the Arts and Skills shop in the form of rings, bracelets and brooches. So we proceeded to investigate. And right away, we came across the reason for all this hum of activity.

The new instructor in this fine art, Mrs. George A. Greenwood, in addition to being a most capable and talented teacher and artist, is a jewel of a blonde, herself. We admired the lady's looks, her very attractive silver earrings, her own creation, and we admired her spirit in giving up a fine positon as a jeweler wth Younger and Company to come to Letterman and devote her time to the patients at the hospital.

Mrs. Greenwood studied jewelry-making in school before being apprenticed to Lucien Marsh of San Francisco, where she worked with black iron and pearls, making oriental designs for bracelets, rings and watches. Later, with Younger and Company, she worked in platinum, diamonds and gold. When her husband, who is a lieutenant with the Navy Air Corps, went overseas, she was no longer satisfied to do commercial work. She gave up her job to donate six days a week of volunteer instruction to the patients at Letterman. She tells us that she has never been happier than during the six weeks she has been at the hospital.

In addition to taking pains with their work, the veterans show a great deal of originality in their ideas. Mrs. Greenwood mentioned a wedding ring, made by a patient who had been married six years, and who wanted to design something a little different for his wife. The resulting ring, made with silver inlaid with a copper strip for each year of marrage, was beautiful.

Mrs. Greenwood and her husband, who is an artist and sculptor in civilian life, hope to combine their talents in a studio in their San Francisco home when the war is over. In the meantime, Letterman is grateful for the fine and unselfish spirit shown by people like Mrs. Greenwood.

Share Your Car

For the men in Jeeps, planes and tanks save that gallon of gasoline—share your car!

Now in effect at all Ninth Service Command installations is a successful "Share-The-Ride" program which has proven that great quantities of gasoline can be saved; tires can be conserved, and cars can be spared the junk-heap.

Representative of the records set at Army installations throughout the eight western states are the 72,000 gallons saved monthly by civilian employes at Fort Douglas, Utah. War Department workers there save gasoline for the war effort by sharing their cars, which they drive 450,000 miles to and from work.

"If every car carried even one extra worker to an Army post or war plant, the problem of providing gasoline for our jeeps, planes and tanks would be greatly alleviated," said Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general of the Ninth Service Command, at his Fort Douglas headquarters today.

"Americans who share their cars in essential driving are directly aiding our fighting men as well as showing considerations for their fellow-workers," he said.

The equivalent of 200 gallons of commercial gasoline is required to lift a giant B-29 from the ground. Approximately 116 gallons of gasoline is necessary for a "General Sherman" tank to travel from Aachen to Berlin—traveling "as the crow flies." To see a faithful jeep from Paris to Metz at least 25 gallons fo commercial gasoline are needed.

The easiest, safest way of striking a blow at the enemy, say drivers, is to "Share-The-Ride . . . " for military requirements can't be reduced. It's a very simple procedure.



To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Julius Rainwater** a daughter, Catherine Ann; born 9 February; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To PFC and Mrs. **John Smith** a son, Phillip Hugh; born 8 February; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. **Paul Bird** a son, Paul Quilling, Jr.; born 5 February; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. **Louis Wright** a son, Michael Louis; born 8 February; weight 5 pounds 6 ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. **John Fiske** a daughter, Nancy Ann; born 5 February; weight 9 pounds 2 ounces.

To Tech 4th Gr. and Mrs. **Arne Lunden** a son, Eric Arne; born 5 February; weight 9 pounds 13 ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. **Hechinger** a son, Stephen Michael; born 6 February; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Alfred Damron** a son, Cliff Collins; born 5 February; weight 8 pounds 2 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Edward Keachie** a son, Douglas; born 9 February; weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **George Egling** a daughter, Janet Ann; born 9 February; weight 8 pounds 12 ounces.

To Staff Sergeant and Mrs. **Charles Thomas** a daughter, Sueretta Ann; born 7 February; weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Walter Hockett** a daughter, Judith Lee; born 7 February; weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Elmer Curtis** a son, Thomas Marshall; born 4 February; weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Charles Schutte** a son, Paul Frederick; born 7 February; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **George Humphrey** a daughter, Vicki Marie; born 7 February; weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To Lieutenant and Mrs. **Walter Mullally** a daughter, Barbara; born 7 February; weight 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To Lieut and and Mrs. **Donald Lewis** a daughter, Diana Christine, born 29 January; weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

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BAKER BACK FROM BURMA IS BETTER FOR BEING BOOSTED OVER THE "HUMP"



Corporal JOHN C. BAKER, JR.
Veteran of the Burma-China-India battle front now filling the peaceful role of Wardmaster at Letterman.

"Hello, Johnny!" is the way Jinx Falkenburg greeted Corporal John C. Baker, Jr., of Pueblo, Colorado, when she met him recently at Letterman General Hospital in the Presidio of San Francisco. Half way 'round the world, Jinx had last met Corporal Baker in China where his medical unit took care of the famous "Flying Tigers."

Assigned to a station hospital as a medic, Corporal Baker saw service in both India and China. Overseas for 31 months, he recently returned to the States, and is now stationed at Letterman Hospital as a ward attendant.

Corporal Baker entered the Army first on December 7, 1937. He was assigned to the medics and stationed first at Fort Warren, Wyoming, and later at Fort Ord, California. His three years were up in 1940, and he was given a discharge. He re-enlisted in the Army at Fort Logan, Utah, on February 3, 1942. He was transferred to Camp Barkeley, Texas, where he was trained with a station hospital unit, and departed for overseas with that group in May, 1942.

The group landed in Karachi, India, where they remained 13 months. Flying over the towering Himalayas, they finally landed in Kumming, China, in Hunan Province, where they remained for 14 months.

Being the only medical unit in that area, they took care of the American soldiers from all units that were stationed around there, including the renowned "Flying Tigers." Their brilliant leader, Major General Claire L. Chennault often took part in some of the softball games between the "Flying Tigers" and the hospital team.

The group all lived at a tea plantation. When they arrived there were few buildings, but by the time they had departed, they had established a complete hospital in addition to living quarters for the personnel of the unit.

Returning by air, Corporal Baker landed in this country on December 16, 1944. After a furlough of 22 days, he was assigned to Letterman.

Asked about the highlight of his experiences overseas, Corporal Baker said he believed being associated with the "Flying Tigers" was the most memorable experience, and then, of course—Jinx! The corporal said he sat right next to her at dinner when she visited China, and they carried on long conversations about the movie colony. Just in case anyone should doubt his word, he carries in his wallet a snapshot of himself and Jinx taken in the Orient.

Corporal Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker, of Pueblo, Colorado. He attended school in Pueblo and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Patients Guests At Winterland Ice Hockey Games

With an entire section of the balcony set aside for their exclusive use, patients at Letterman General Hospital regularly attend the Pacific Coast League ice-hockey games held every Wednesday and Saturday evening at Winterland Ice Arena. Through the generosity of Mr. George Campbell and Mr. John D. Anderson, of Winterland, 250 seats are available to the patients for the semi-weekly games.

Wearing their "reds," the men are taken to the games in a convoy of buses furnished by the Fort Mason motor pool. Personnel from the Reconditioning Division accompany the group and assist in the unloading and seating of the patients.

New League

A new service men's bowling league made its debut on the Fort Mason Alleys Friday night in the kick-off of the San Francisco Bay Area Enlisted Men's League. Eight teams are entered in competition for a trophy put up by Major General G. H. Kells, commanding San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

In the opening matches Fort Mason, Fort Scott, Western Defense Command and Letterman General Hospital took 2 to 1 wins over the Presidio of San Francisco, Camp Knight, Camp Stoneman and Fort McDowell respectively. Outstanding performance was turned in by Corporal Joe Gennai of Fort Mason, with a total of 618.

The league will be in action on Friday evenings, with all matches to be played on the Fort Mason alleys.

Seeing's Believing

The Occupational Therapy Division has inaugurated a new plan whereby newly arrived ambulatory patients at Letterman are taken on a conducted tour through the shop so that the returning veterans will have an idea what activities are available to them during their stay at the hospital. Under the leadership of one of the therapists in the division, the men are taken through the shop in groups, and are giving an explanation of the various crafts offered. The plan, which has been in operation for several weeks, has proven highly succssful. Out of a record day's total of 300 men touring the shop, 150 men returned to take part in the activities. The men report that the tour aroused their interest, and also they like to come to a place with which they are familiar.

The tour lasts approximately fifteen minutes, and that time is sufficient for the guide to thoroughly explain the activities offered and to demonstrate the materials that ar available with which to work, such as the leather, the pottery or the hand looms. No longer is the comment heard when a patient comes to the shop, that "he wished he had heard of this place sooner," because now he learns about the occupational therapy shop immediately upon his arrival at Letterman.

THAT MAN'S A HERO

. . . If he's wearing a service ribbon of silk moire with stripes of blue, white, blue, white, red, white, blue, white, blue in that order.

This ribbon indicates the wearer has been awarded the Silver Star by the War Department for distinguishing himself by "gallantry in action," Ninth Service Command headquarters pointed out today.

MORE ABOUT STORK

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To Col. and Mrs. **Melvin Marx** a son, Stephen Albert, born 31 January; weight 5 pounds 3 ounces.

To Lieut. and Mrs. **Stewart** a son, Curtis Bell, born 28 January; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. **Warren Beers** a son, Milton Warren, born 23 January; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To Lieut. and Mrs. **Paul Offermann** a son, William Paul, born 26 January; weight 9 pounds 4 ounces.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of Feb. 19 to Feb. 26

MONDAY—Bank Bingo with Bob	RECON	1830	YMCA
A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1900	Rec. Hall
Camp Shows Inc. offer Mr. Prohaska, noted sketch artist—General Coverage daily through Sat. 24	SSO		
TUESDAY—Feature Movie	RECON	1400	YMCA
A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Music For Millions" Margaret O'Brien, Jimmy Durante	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—Truth or Consequences Contest	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Sing with "Bob"	SSO	1830	YMCA
THURSDAY—Ping Pong Tournament	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Current Warfield Theatre	SSO	1415	YMCA
Movie "Blonde Fever"	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—Mr. George Fenneman "What's My Name?"	RECON	1400	Rec. Hall
Feature Movie	RECON	1400 & 1800	YMCA
Washington Frolics, Girls, Games, Refreshments	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Taffy Pull	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Eadie Was A Lady" Ann Miller,	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Game Night	RECON	1830	YMCA
SUNDAY—Entertainment by San Francisco Music Comedy Club	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Table Tennis Tournament	RECON	1530	YMCA

POLLY CADET . . .



Sad Sacks Sock The Sea Going Soldiers In Season's Start

The Letterman 'ex'-Sad Sacks put on a win streak at the first game of the series of the Army bowling league last Friday night when they met the Fort McDowell Keglers at Funston Park.

The Fort Mason All-Army-Bowling-League opened on the evening the medics met the Fort McDowell men and won two games out of three to make a grand opener in the opening series.

According to team captain, M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz—there is no doubt that the Letterman bowlers are no longer 'sad sacks' and will win this league in a burst of glory.

The series started off rather badly when the opposing team took the first game by a clearance of 62 pins. However, the medics snapped out of it—and in the second game found their bearings and won by a total pinnage of 840 to the opposition's 759.

The third game proved to be a thriller when Sterr and Morano each managed to roll 201 and 202 respectively, thus enabling the LGH men to boost the third and final score by a clear margin of 67 points.

High scoring honors for the evening's games went to Morano who rolled a fine total pinnage of 583. This was followed by Sterr, also of the LGH team who rolled a total pinnage of 540.

Three men on the opposing team totaled more than 500—following close behind Sterr for scoring honors. Mazza rolled 514; Reid, 521 and Mashalko, 525. However only one man rolled a game over 190, in any of the three games.

Following are the scores of the nights games:

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Sterr	187	152	201	540
Yohe	154	154	171	479
Williams	143	147	176	466
Morano	185	196	202	583
Kuntz	128	191	162	481
Total	797	840	912	2549

FORT McDOWELL

Welling	165	143	183	491
Wigfield	169	124	119	412
Mazza	183	150	181	514
Reid	181	171	169	521
Mashalko	161	171	193	525
Total	859	759	845	2463

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FOG HORN

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Colonel Duckworth, Hero of Bataan, is Back Home Again

Colonel James W. Duckworth, Medical Corps, the first of the Army personnel liberated from the prison at Cabanatuan, arrived at Letterman Hospital on Wednesday evening. The journey from the Philippines to San Francisco was made by air.

Colonel Duckworth was in command of the hospital on Bataan Peninsula all during the battle for that territory, and when the American forces capitulated to the enemy, the colonel remained at his post and with his patients. He stayed with the hospital for almost three months before he was removed to another prison camp.

In an interview with the representatives of the press on the day following his arrival, the colonel told his story very simply and very modestly, refrained from any mention of the part he played during the final days of Bataan. That will have to come out when his associates in that epic struggle return to tell their versions.

Colonel Duckworth expressed his admiration for the speed displayed in developing the production facilities of the country in the making of the materiel for war. He was amazed by what he saw in the way of equipment available to our forces in the Philippines in the present struggle. He said that his liberation and that of the country there had taken place so much sooner than he or any of his fellow prisoners had dared to hope. He even went on to state that it is his opinion that another year should see the end of the fighting in Asia, but stressed the point that his opinion is solely his and not based on any information from sources not available to all.

The first one to greet Colonel Duckworth as he stepped from an automobile in front of the Letterman receiving office was his devoted wife, Mrs. Verna Duckworth. The look in her eyes displayed a triumph of faith; she always held the thought that he would return, and in the dark days after the fall of the Philippines, she never wavered in that faith. Mrs. Duckworth sat beside her hero husband at the press interview, but declined all invitations from the ladies of the press to give her views on anything.

Colonel Duckworth is now a patient at Letterman and after a brief rest he plans on taking a leave of absence.



REUNITED

After four years of separation, Colonel James W. Duckworth, M.C., greets Mrs. Duckworth as he steps from the automobile which brought him to Letterman from the airfield. The colonel was back to the mainland after his liberation from Cabantuan on Luzon Island.

"Angels of Bataan" Due to Arrive Home This Afternoon

The "Angels of Bataan," that band of heroic women, members of the Army Nurse Corps, who remained with the sick and wounded when Corregidor fell to the enemy almost three years ago, will return to their homeland today and put an end to the long exile.

Arrangements have been made to give them a hero's reception and when the planes bringing them home arrive at the airfield, Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, assistant Surgeon General of the Army, will be on hand to present the greetings of the Medical Department.

The nurses will be transported to Letterman immediately on landing and here everything will be done for their comfort and convenience. They are the honored guests of the War Department during their stay in San Francisco, and while a civic reception was planned by the Mayor of San Francisco, that has been cancelled. Instead a committee consisting of the Mayor and the Chairman of the Citizens Committee, Mr. Henry W. Grady, will make a personal call on the nurses to express the appreciation of the citizens for their heroic conduct.

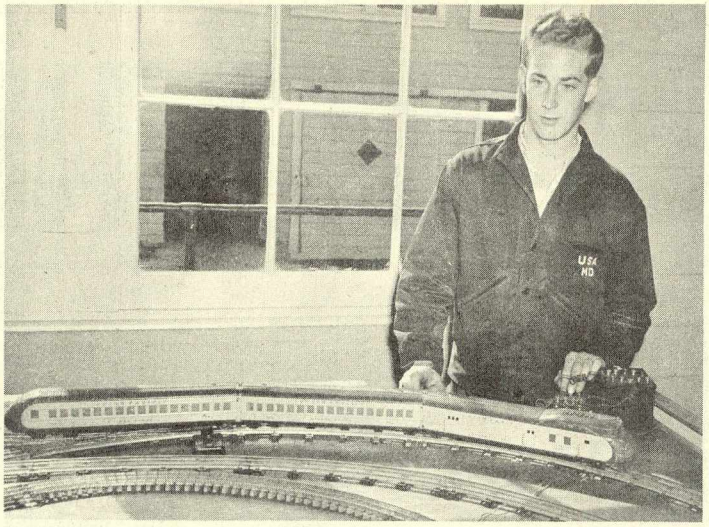
Each of the nurses will receive a personal letter over the signature of the Commander in Chief, President Roosevelt, and a personal letter over the signature of the Chief of Staff, General George C. Marshall. Each of the nurses will also receive copies of the official orders promoting them one grade in the Army Nurse Corps. This will take place at a formal ceremony to be arranged later.

In addition to General Bliss, the office of the Surgeon General has as its representatives for the wel-

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MINIATURE RAILROAD HAS STRONG ATTRACTION FOR PATIENTS

When Mrs. Sophie Kent, chairman of the Arts & Skills Chapter, mentioned that a friend of hers had a miniature railroad which she would be glad to donate to the patients at Letterman, her audience consisting of the chaplain and the Director of Reconditioning immediately expressed much interest in the offer. The Director, Major Lester J. Sayer, MC, is by avocation a boat builder but he maintains that it does not militate against any interest he may have in toy trains—and he has plenty. In that frame of mind there was only one answer to the intimation that Letterman could have that miniature train for the asking. Mrs. Kent did the asking as regulations do not permit military personnel to solicit donations of cash or material—and we keep to the regulations in this organization.



Pvt. RICHARD C. LININGER,
The man who made the miniature railroad run directing the movement of trains from the control tower.

It is characteristic of the Director that when any new project is presented to him he goes into immediate huddle with his chief lieutenant and his number one dragoman. They form a triumvirate that has worked wonders with the reconditioning program and when they are in accord it assures the success of any venture. This project of going into the railroad business found them in accord. Maybe we should introduce you to the chief lieutenant—Lt. Vaughn S. Deranian, a strong silent man, and to the number one dragoman—Tech. Sgt. Lew S. Villa. A dragoman does not have to be strong and he is not a good dragoman if he is the silent type.

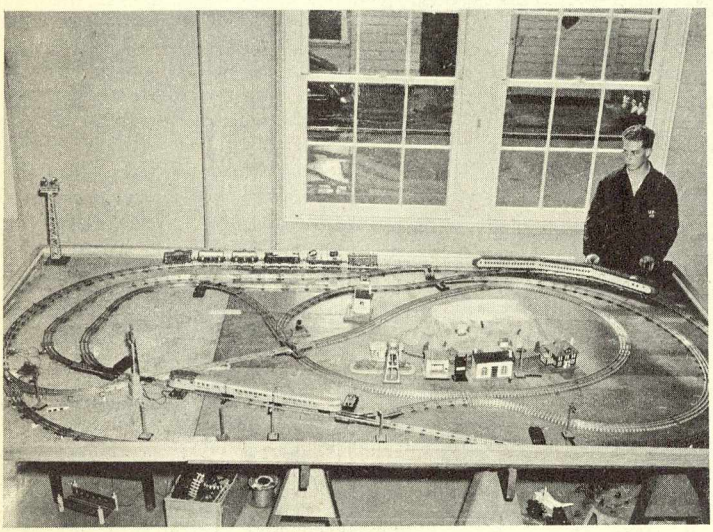
When the railroad arrived at the Occupational Therapy room it fell to Sgt. Villa to supervise the assembling of the various parts. He "sold" the job to some of the patients who were standing by in wonderment and in a matter of a few hours a table had been set up and the tracking laid down. The equipment which came with the donation was adequate for a starter. Three full trains, additional cars and coaches, switches, signal towers, a station building, a tunnel, and remote control box for the switches and the lights.

The railroad was put into operation after a fashion, and on occasion someone would drop in at the OT shop who had a knowledge of wiring, so he would put in a lick of work. Bit by bit the project attracted more interest and then one day Pfc. Richard C. Lininger arrived from the South Pacific battle area. He was an old hand at miniature railroading, and with his dad back at the old homestead in Cleveland had a railroad that was the envy of the neighborhood. Lininger was in the convalescent stage and working again on a railroad was all he needed. He expressed the thought that all of his reconditioning could take place right around that long table—and found no objection. Many hours were devoted to further wiring, repairing of the tiny motors in the locomotives, changing the degree of the curves, and building up the grades on the turns. Lininger was only with us a week when he reluctantly moved on to a hospital nearer his home, but before he left he had the satisfaction of standing at the control corner and operating three trains at the same time without a single collision.

Since Leninger went east Sgt. Villa has kept up interest in the railroad on the part of the patients by merely walking them through the O. T. shops. He does that with every group arriving from overseas with the result that more than half come back to take advantage of the various projects maintained by the Arts & Skills section, as well as the instruction given by the occupational therapy aides. The sergeant is now on the look out for additional parts for the toy road and knows another expert like Leninger is likely to arrive here on any convoy of incoming patients. Villa is an optimist of the first rank.

The chief lieutenant is no stranger at the control tower, and in odd moments he takes a turn at running the trains. He does all right until the Supply Officer puts in an appearance. The S. O. being a major indicates that the chief lieutenant loses interest immediately as a matter of prudence. The major does have his share of fun with the road and has made a number of contributions to its continuation. Nothing like having a supply officer exhibiting a personal interest in any project. The major may play to his heart's content until the chaplain comes along. The silver leaves on his shoulder loop imply a sort of priority which the major does not question, but he is said to have a secret longing to have some one with an eagle or a star for insignia drop in some day so he will not be the only one pushed away from the control tower.

Mrs. Kent wishes to give full credit to Mrs. Ralph Reynolds for the donation of the first train, and to Mrs. Daniel Volkman for the other trains and the equipment, while the patients give full credit to everyone who has had a part in making the road a going concern.



Miniature Railroad
Procured through Arts & Skills of the American Red Cross and made available to patients in the Occupational Therapy Section of the Reconditioning Division.

Therapy Benefits

Within the last couple of months about eight recent graduate physical therapists have received practical experience at Letterman while awaiting their overseas orders. As commissioned officers in the Army Medical Department, they are now serving on fronts all over the world.

The physical therapy treatments at Letterman serve several purposes in addition to the important physical benefits derived. The division has found that the treatments relax and rest the men after their long boat trip, and also are a definite morale factor. The men appreciate the immediate care given them upon their arrival.

STARS FROM RKO STUDIOS REMEMBER LGH PATIENTS

TO THE BOYS IN THE LETTERMAN HOSPITAL--ALL OF THE BEST.
--BONITA GRANVILLE



TO THE BOYS IN LETTERMAN HOSPITAL
--THE BEST ALWAYS.
--GINGER ROGERS





TO THE BOYS IN LETTERMAN HOSPITAL
--MAY YOU SOON BE ON THE OUTSIDE.
--ANN RUTHERFORD



ALMOST ENOUGH GLASSES FOR ANY IRISHMAN.
PAT O'BRIEN AND TOM DUGAN--RKO STARS--PILING 'EM UP.

TO EVERYONE IN THE LETTERMAN HOSPITAL--MAY THE FUTURE BE SUNNY.
--CHILI WILLIAMS



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME HOME

This will be a day long remembered in the history of Letterman Hospital because it will be the privilege of the staff to welcome home the heroic "Angels of Bataan" after their long period of imprisonment in the hands of the enemy in the Philippines.

This band of noble women, who elected to stay with the sick and wounded of our armed forces, and pass into captivity with them, have merited the admiration of the nation. They will be hallowed memories in the history of the Army Nurse Corps; they will be canonized in the recollection of the entire personnel of the Medical Department.

We feel very humble in their presence this day. We rejoice with them that the hopes and dreams of the long hours and days of their imprisonment have come to full realization; that they may again walk about as free women of an America that is proud of them.

They have lived up to the highest traditions of American womanhood and may take their places with their pioneer sisters who contributed so much to make this country great. Any nation is only as good as its women.

And the "Angels of Bataan" assure us that our country is second to none.

Again—a loving "Welcome Home."



Just another instance of the immutable law of change—seven more members of the nursing staff have left us for other stations. In this instance it may involve an APO number—just what each one asked for. Saying au revoir in this group were First Lieutenants **Ruth M. Vallesky, Geraldine C. Haglund, Margaret E. Megill, Katherine Trask,** along with Second Lieutenants **Virginia Schneiderman, Renee Hall** and **Ann L. Westcoatt.** For several of the young ladies it will mean a second tour of foreign service.

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Coming back from over there to join our ranks are 2nd Lt. **Julia M. Anderson** and 2nd Lt. **Lois R. Bock.**

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Giving up seven and getting two makes it appear as though we got the short end of that trade in personnel.

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Come the 1st of March we expect to add 33 cadet nurses to the roster at Letterman.

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A welcome visitor this week was Lieut. Colonel **Jane Clemens,** former supervising nurse of the Southwest Pacific Area. All of the "old timers" were happy to see her.

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On hand to welcome the returning nurses from Bataan were a quartette who had served with them in the campaign and escaped before the surrender in April 1942. In the group were Captain **Mabel Stevens,** Birmingham General Hospital, Captain **Ruth Straub,** 1st Lieut. **Ressa Jenkins,** of Hammer Field, and 1st Lieut. **Mary G. Lohr,** of Hamand General Hospital.

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Miss Patricia Ann Kellas had the role of maid of honor at a recent ship launching at the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond. The sponsor was Miss Rachel Dole, the 140,000th student nurse to enroll in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps. Capt. Shirley R. Timewell, Lieut. Evelyn Barbier, and Lieut. Margaret Giles, all of Letterman, were also present when the bottle broke over the bow of the new ship.

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Major Juanita Redmond, from the Office of the Air Surgeon, took a flying trip to Oahu to meet the home coming Bataan nurses. She, too, was one of those who were in the battle until shortly before the surrender.

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Among the former Lettermanites in the liberated group were 1st Lt. Josephine Nesbit, 2nd Lt. Beulah Greenwalt, and 2nd Lieut. Ethel Blaine. However, it will no longer be "Beulah" but "Peggy" for Lt. Greenwalt.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Pleasant anticipation in the faces of every one on the staff at the prospect of greeting the **'Nurses of Bataan.**

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Captain **Andrew R. Edwards** back from his honeymoon and implying that matrimony remains a grand institution.

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Corporal **Hugh Ashley** keeping a watchful eye on Andres Segovia in the hope of learning the technique that makes him famous.

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"Paratroopers" dropping in all over the place. After you are duly initiated you will be enlightened on the identity of the same.

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General Hillman back from his trip to the east and all are genuinely happy to see him home again.

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New faces on the staff at the Information Office—all welcome and very valuable in our organization. Nothing to do with make up.

MORE ABOUT "ANGELS OF BATAAN"

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come ceremonies, Brig. Gen. Fred W. Rankin, surgical consultant to the Surgeon General, and Lieut. Colonel Mary G. Phillips, assistant to the Superintendent of Nurses. Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General, is absent from the country at this time.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, February 25, 1945
In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

G. I. Entertainers To Seek Honors

Soldier-entertainers in the Ninth Service Command, in groups or as individuals, will vie for honors in a command-wide musical contest, it was announced today by Colonel W. M. Beveridge, Special Services director, at comand headquarters, Fort Douglas, Utah.

"A great amount of talent exists in the Armed Forces which has not been utilized," said Colonel Beveridge. "Competition will not only be an incentive to music in general, but will also provide excellent programs at installations of the command."

Individual soloists and ensembles most practical for entertaining troops in the field will be entered in one of the following five groups: Harmonica, guitar, accordian, hillbilly or novelty bands and barber shop quartets.

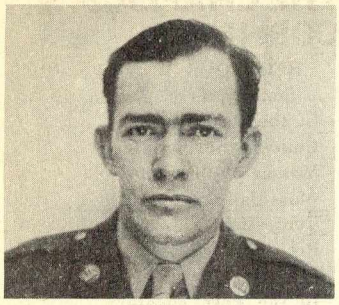
Entries in district elimination contests must be made by April 1, following post competition.

Pharmacy Booklet

The Pharmacy Division has recently distributed a revised edition of the 1942 formulary which contains a list of the preparations and amounts of the ingredients which are commonly prescribed here at Letterman Hospital. The new edition has been brought up to date with many new formulas added. Available to the medical officers and nursing staff of Letterman General Hospital and Dante Annex, copies have been distributed to each ward and to the outpatient service.

An added feature of the new booklet is that a loose leaf form has been used so that pages with new prescriptions developed by the services may be added in sequence.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



GEORGE W. HARDY
Pvt., Medical Dept.

"Our Buck of This Week"—Private George W. Hardy, hails from the Blue Grass State of Kentucky, in the small town of Irvine. He remained in this town until he received all of his education and then moved to Covington, a town in the northern section of the state, where employment opportunities were better.

His first job was with a print shop where he worked until 1941 when he felt he would be doing more for the war effort by working with the Wright Aeronautical Corporation. His work here consisted of performing the duties of a foundry inspector—and it was at this job that he was working when he was notified by Uncle Sam that his services were desired by the War Department.

He was inducted into the Army at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and from there was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for combat engineer basic training. This was endured for several months before he was sent out to California. The day he made that move was Private Hardy's lucky day! Camp Beale was the first stopping-off place and then from there he was transferred to Letterman for a brief period of training with the medical corps.

"The post out here is really wonderful," says the private. "It isn't too 'GI' like most places that I have been to for training and previous assignments. I am really appreciating every minute that I am assigned here and I hope it lasts for the duration." However, Hardy said that he was just a mite homesick, so he is looking for a home in order that his wife and daughter might come out and join him. And after the duration and six months, Private Hardy plans to establish his home here in San Francisco and secure work with some local magnesium foundry. Then when the vacation days roll around he will be free to indulge in his favorite pastime—fishing!

Post-War Jobs in Aviation? CAA Takes a Sober View.

(This is the first of a series of 2 articles on post-war employment possibilities in the aviation industry, based on a survey by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.)

By Camp Newspaper Service

There will be jobs for veterans in post-war aviation after the shooting ceases, but "the industry cannot possibly maintain employment approaching the present level."

That is the opinion of responsible officials of the Civil Aeronautics Administration who have surveyed the field.

We have a $20,000,000,000 annual aviation manufacturing industry today. Some sources say we will be lucky to have 2% of that operating in peacetime. That would mean a $400,000,000 industry employing 50,000 persons. J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board, estimates only 5% to 10% of today's industry will survive.

Manufacture of private planes will comprise the major portion of our post-war aviation industry. We had 25,000 in 1941. An average of predictions from 7 responsible sources indicates we will have about 210,700 within 5 to 10 years after the war.

There are, however, some important variables, which may knock these estimates into a cocked hat. One is the helicopter, which the CAA says "is developing fast." Another is the always possible development of an entirely new kind of plane so useful that it will be manufactured in quantity and sold at popular prices. Neither of these are "in sight today for the near future," CAA men say.

As for the commercial airlines, CAA officials say "it is evident, and airline officials emphasize this, that the airlines will not be big employers of labor after the war."

Before the war, there were approximately 350 airline planes in continuous operation. These required about 3 crews and an estimated 23 people on the ground for each plane. A fleet of 1000 DC3s—3 times the pre-war number and the most optimistic estimate for the first 5 postwar years—would require from 6 to 8 thousand men as flight crews, and 23,000 on the ground. However, many of these positions will be filled by former airline employees now in service.

Men from the Army Air Transport Command or the Naval Air Transport Service are generally conceded to have the best chance for any of the comparatively few openings, flying and non-flying, which may develop in airline operation.

On the ground, the outlook is a little brighter. Congress is now considering the National Airport Plan, drawn up by the CAA, which would double the number of airports (from 3 to 6 thousand) —90% of the increase being the smaller fields for private flyers. CAA estimates these new fields will produce 63,000 operational jobs and 125,000 jobs in all.

The CAA, itself, will expand as flying increases, but will take back its own men in service first. There are only a few flying jobs in the CAA. Those few require pilots of exceptional skill, and many years of experience on a wide variety of airplanes. Employment possibilities as a pilot with the CAA, "are so small as to be negligible, at least for several years," CAA officials say. Airways jobs, from engineering to maintenance, will be available with the CAA Communications, Air Traffic Control and Maintenance Divisions as airways are expanded after the war. Today there are 37,000 miles of airways in the U. S. and 8000 miles of airways in Alaska, and the Airways Service of the CAA employs 6500 persons. This number may be expected to double if expected flying increases come to pass.

Most of the post-war employment opportunities relating to the air will come within the field of Industrial Flying. Some of these opportunities will be discussed in the next article.

Chattanooga, Tenn (CNS) — "I hate mustard," explained Roland Royalle as he smeared a quantity of that commodity over the face of a waitress in a local restaurant. Arrested, he told the court that he became irked when the waitress "insisted on serving me mustard."

Laredo, Tex (CNS) — Rancher Sy Sibert came home and placed his gun on the table. Sy Junior, 3, picked up the rod. "Go ahead," said his father jovially, "plug your Daddy." Junior then shot his parent in the stomach. Both now are recovering, Daddy from a stomach wound, Junior from a spanking.

France (CNS)—Gen Eisenhower sloshed through the mud to a convoy. "What outfit is this?" he asked Lt Walter Savage of Los Angeles. "That's a military secret, sir," Savage replied.

The 5-star general nodded. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. The lieutenant said he did. "Well," Gen Eisenhower said, "won't you tell me now?"

Lt Savage looked at the general. Then he looked at newsmen standing a few feet away. He stepped out of their hearing and gave Gen Eisenhower the information he wanted. For this discretion he got a pat on the back from the general.

ON THE SPOT



LLOYD A. HANSBROUGH,
S/Sgt., Infantry

Staff Sergeant Lloyd A. Hansbrough of Dierks, Arkansas, winner of the Silver Star Medal for gallantry on Angaur Island, is the feature of this column this week.

Sgt. Hansbrough was with a company of the 81st Infantry Division which was pushing the Japs back across a hill on the rocky island in the Palau group. And just before dark one rainy afternoon, his company was falling back toward positions for the night.

"One Jap," said the sergeant, "was using a BAR that he had taken off one of our men who had been killed, and with it he had hit six or seven of our men, including the company commander. So I took my squad and circled around to where we could get up to the men who were hit. We wanted to see what we could do for them. Then we had to be sure that no equipment was left with them for the Japs to use against us. A machinegun and that captured BAR were making the place pretty hot, but four of us got in. Our C. O. and the others were all dead when we reached them though.

"It was after dark by that time, and we were able to make it back down our slope without running into anything else."

The sergeant was wounded the night of October 14, after nearly a month of steady action. They were dug in on the side of a hill with Japs down below. During the night several Japs climbed the hill and the sergeant emptied half a clip from his M1 rifle into one who had pulled himself right up into plain view.

"Another one had thrown a hand grenade and I knocked it off the shelter half we had halfway covering our hole. It rolled down and went off right beside my ankle," Sgt. Hansbrough explained when asked about how he was wounded.

MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week: Sgt. Elmer E. Steitz, Pvts. Leonard Z. Pinkus, Robert E. Stevens, Clayton E. Taylor, Charles Urowicz and Francis M. Julian.

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Furloughs were given to the following men during the past week: Pvt. Paul I. Baker, with 25 days; Tech 5th Gr. Linford S. Isaacs; Pvts. Arthur Femino, Arthur L. Watson, Gus N. Bollas and Fred Whitt, each with 23 days; Pvts. James A. Rankin, Allen B. Chancey, Leo Pels and Maurice W. Chapek, each with 21 days; Pvt. Ellery R. Rabago, with 17 days; Pvts. Lam S. Dong, Robert C. Anderson and George A. Leslie, each with 15 days; S/Sgt. Merle C. West, with 11 days; Tech 5th Gr. Antulio M. Martinez, 10 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

The Valentine Dance put on by the enlisted personnel turning out to be a huge success. Thanks to the band under the able direction of Cpl. Hugh Ashely.

M/Sgt. Henry "U-Got-To-Bid" Kuntz instigating a mild riot with his high bidding at the noon hour pinochle session.

Sgt. Harry Ponerantz back from detached service and declaring that the farmer's life is the life for him. You can always be sure of plenty to eat then.

Tech 3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox sitting on the sidelines and giving the medics at the bowling tournaments his "moral" support since his recent operation.

S/Sgt. Jack LaVelle keeping up with the expansion of the Mess Department in more ways than one!

Pvt. Benjamin Weitz—and a black cocker spaniel making the rounds this week.

Cpl. Dalton Poff—once worked here—and once worked there—and now he's working in the post office.

Sgt. Ed Blythin setting a new record for consistency. Same gal . . . same place . . . same time. . . . The only change is in the coffee.

GOOD THINGS IN SMALL PACKAGES THIS LITTLE RED-HEAD'S PROOF



Lieut. MACIE G. WILCOX, ANC.

When the "Windy City" blew Lieutenant Macie G. Wilcox out Letterman way, it was a good deal for the hospital. Not only because Lieutenant Wilcox is a capable nurse, but the morale-building factor of a trim chassis topped by a mop of red curls and green eyes is quite considerable.

Lieutenant Wilcox garnered her R.N. by training at the South Shore and Cook County Hospitals in her home town of Chicago. Very shortly thereafter she became a member of the Army Nurse Corps, and in February of 1944 went to her first assignment at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. Gardiner General Hospital, well known to old Chicagoans as the Chicago Beach Hotel, was her next stop and then Camp Stoneman. That was where Fate stepped up and diverted the little lady into the orbit she has worked in for the past eight months. You see, she was definitely bound for an overseas station when she left Chicago and we might never have known her but for the change in orders—temporary at that time—which switched her to Dante Annex and to Letterman. The happy turn of events reminds us of the quotation, "There is a destiny which shapes our ends rough hew them how we will." And we owe a debt to destiny in this instance. The staff and the patients have enjoyed having her here, but the lady gets around, and with Uncle Sam arranging the itinerary, there is nothing we can do to keep her. She is scheduled for more travelling in the immediate future.

The lieutenant likes to play, and we wouldn't blame anyone in the least for liking to play with her. Her favorite off-duty occupations are dancing, riding and sailing. She also likes to tickle the ivories, and, we are told, wields a mean bow on the violin.

Before bidding a fond farewell to our photogenic young lieutenant, there is one thing about which we are very curious. Just how did she manage to remain single? Don't push, gentlemen, you're too late now. The lady is leaving, and all our wishes for the best of luck go with her.

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S/Sgt. Grant Kizer of Company "B" has been named captain of the hospital train unit bowling team. Good luck to you and your men, sergeant.

The best response for membership in the bowling league came from Company "B." They have already submitted twice as many applicants as the other two companies combined.

Captain Joe Devine of Company "B" played volleyball with "C" one evening last week and Company "B" lost. . . .

The hospital train unit, 1960, is organizing a dance band. Anyone who can play an instrument is invited to pay a visit to the Special Service Office and talk it over.

Sgt. Bill Trammell after covering a Court Martial procedure decided he is definitely not a recorder.

A good time was had by all who attended the stage play, "Fun Time," starring Martha Raye. Especially Sergeants Charles Hoffman, who sat in the same box with Miss Raye before the performance.

Most of the men were out on trips when Lieut. P. A. Lafka of "A" Company was given a new assignment. We all wish the lieutenant good luck on his new job.

Congratulations from the men of the command are extended to our comanding officer, Lt. Col. Algot R. Nelson, on his recent promotion to that rank.

SERVICE WOMEN GET COMBAT-TYPE BOOT

A women's service boot, identical with the men's standard combat boot, except that it is made on the regular Army field shoe last, has been designed by the Quartermaster Corps.

It has a wide, two-buckle cuff at the top and the leather in the lower part has the flesh or rough side out. The smooth grain is inside for greater foot comfort, the Ninth Service Command quartermaster explained. Leather in the cuff has the grain side out and is backed with heavy canvas.

ISU NOTES

Members of Italian Service Units are not used to supplant civilian employees, but rather to supplement the working force when civilians are not available, Ninth Service Command headquarters declared today.



To 2nd Lieutenant and Mrs. **Joseph Davis** a daughter, Sheila Ann; born 11 February; weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To 1st Sgt. and Mrs. **Henry Miller** a son, Richard John; born 13 February; weight 6 pounds 2 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Andrew Hempfling** a daughter, Andrea Marie; born 10 February; weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Elmer Kreiger** a daughter, Lynn; born 10 February; weight 5 pounds 14 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. **Robert Stout** a son, Robert Edward Jr.; born 14 February; weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. **James Gibson** a son, James Gregory; born 11 February; weight 8 pounds 13 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Sam Caniglia** a son, Richard Michel; born 12 February; weight 8 pounds 11 ounces.

To W. O. and Mrs. **Edward Sabo** a daughter, Sonia Linda; born 15 February; weight 8 pounds 10 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Walter Giacomini** a daughter, Judith Anne; born 11 February; weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Wesley Hoar** a daughter, Linda Louise; born 13 February; weight 7 pounds 13 ounces.

To Tech 3rd Gr. and Mrs. **Carl Wade** a son, Steven Kendrick; born 13 February; weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Ralph Kircher** a daughter, Joan Marie; born 12 February; weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

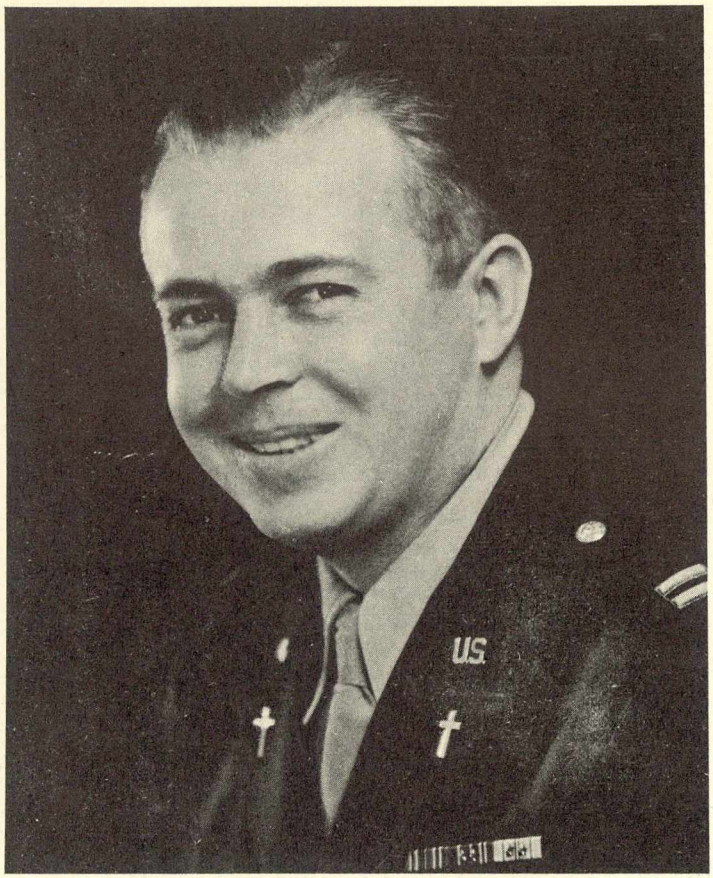
To Major and Mrs. **Eric Von Hurst** a son, Craig Stewart; born 14 February; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

To Tech. 5th Gr. and Mrs. **Patrick Starrett** a daughter, Jeanette; born 17 January; weight 7 pounds 2 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Charles De Bell** a son, James Michael; born 16 February; weight 7 pounds.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. **James Hurd** a son, Michael James; born 16 February; weight 6 pounds 10 ounces.

HE COMES FROM MISSOURI BUT THEY "CAINT" SHOW HIM!



Chaplain (Captain) V. CLAUDE DAMERON, Recently added to the Letterman staff

From Moberly ,Missouri, to every battle front has been the experience of our new assistant Chaplain, Captain V. Claude Dameron, in his twenty-six months on transport duty. (We'd like to tell you what the "V" in his name stands for, but we've promised not to divulge his secret. However, we could let you know that is not "vertigo.")

Chaplain Dameron was commissioned in the Army in September, 1942, and after attending the Chaplains' School at Harvard went to the New York Port of Embarkation for transport duty. His first year of duty took him to England, North Africa, Sicily and Italy. During that time his ship was in frequent contact with submarines. At one time in the Mediterranean, the crew picked up some 1600 survivors of a torpedoing. When we asked the chaplain if he had ever been adrift himself, he told us, in the best Missouri manner, that he hadn't, and was very glad "because I 'cain't swim."

He was subsequently assigned under the San Francisco Port of Embarkation to the Transport Chaplains Branch, and during this assignment put in on four different occasions at San Francisco. He really did cover the waterfront, for on five different ships, he went to Panama, Australia, New Caledonia and New Guinea. In December of last year, he came back to the States, and after his leave was assigned to Letterman Hospital.

Chaplain Dameron is married, and he hopes to bring his wife and two little daughters from Moberly to San Francisco, when and if he conquers the housing problem. He was graduated from the William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, with a major in history, and did post graduate work at the Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas. He was pastor of the Baptist Church in Keytesville, Smithville and Higbee, Missouri.

Captain Dameron is quite an athlete and looks the part. His pet recreational activities are tennis, boxing, baseball and basketball. Letterman basketball team please note.

And one last little thing about which we have always wondered—we asked and got the answer direct. It is, he told us, absolutely true what they say about people from Missouri.

SAD SACKS SUNK

The Letterman Sad Sacks fell back in the Army bowling league last Friday night when they dropped two out of three games to the Fort Scott team at the Fort Mason alleys.

The first game of the series was a thriller when the Fort Scott five just barely beat the Letterman keglers by a margin of six pins. However, the Sad Sacks took revenge in the second game when they came out in front by 43 pins. But the Fort Scott team tightened their belts for the third frame and settled down to finish this crucial game 35 pins out in front to take the series.

High scoring honors for the evening went to Rowland and Schmidt of the Fort Scott team when they both rolled a total pinnage of 578. They were followed closely by Morano of the Sad Sacks who had a total of 574, and Kuntz was next with a 573 series. All the remaining players were under the 500 score mark.

High game came to the Letterman team when Sgt. Kuntz rolled a 233 total in the first game. Next came Rowland of the Artillery with a score of 215. Low man for the night was Sgt. Williams of the Medics who just hit a streak of hard luck in trying to pick up his spares and splits. He finished with a 134 in the first game.

Following are the scores of the night's games:

LETTERMAN				
Sterr	170	172	155	497
Yohe	164	174	157	495
Williams	134	147	185	466
Marano	179	201	194	574
Kuntz	233	188	152	573
Total	880	882	843	2585
FORT SCOTT				
Ehlers	167	147	172	481
Rowland	210	215	153	578
Deutsch	123	162	191	476
Heisser	200	136	154	490
Schmidt	191	179	208	578
Total	886	839	878	2603

Welcome Home

WARMIN' THE BENCH

SPORTS

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Looking Backward

Voice From the Past: When Jack McAuliffe was lightweight champion of the world (1885-1896), he held the pretenders to his throne in glorious contempt. When he fought Young Griffo, a man of extraordinary talents in the ring, McAuliffe exhibited his derision for his opponent by having a portable buffet, containing a magnum of champagne, a quart of brandy, a decanter of claret and a small bottle of rum installed in his corner. From these he sipped intermittently between rounds throughout the fight, which he won.

A remarkable man was McAuliffe, one of the most scientific ring masters of all time. A week after he left the ring as unbeaten lightweight king of the world, he was broke. He even pawned his championship belt for money with which to buy a roast grouse and champagne dinner at Delmonico's restaurant. A year after his retirement he was back in the big money again, a fabulously successful vaudeville monologuist with a four-a-day show at the Palace. One in a million was Jack.

Lt Bill Dickey is leading 2 Navy teams of ex-big leaguers through a tour of the Pacific where they'll play for the Joes. . . . Paul Waner batted a cool .800 during his recent tour of the Assam Valley League. . . . Bill Alexander, famed Georgia Tech coach, has quit, naming his assistant Bobby Dodd as his successor. . . . Babe Ruth, the world's greatest fat man, scaled 260 pounds on his 51st birthday. "I still eat hearty," he explained after inhaling an entire 10-pound birthday cake. . . . Gil Dodds, who recently quit the boards, ran 9 mile races under 4:10, a recapitulation of his record shows. Glenn Cunningham, Dodds' predecessor as indoor mile king, shattered 4:10 but 6 times. . . . Yale, undefeated in '44, will play an 8-game grid schedule next fall. Opponents include Princeton, which returns to the final date on the Eli schedule after a year's absence. . . . Midshipman Dick Duden, blocking back, has been named Navy's 1945 grid coach. His backfield mates probably will be All-American Bob Jenkins, Bob Kelly, pass-catching transferee from Notre Dame, and Tony Minisi, first string fullback at Penn last year. . . . St Louis Cardinal pitcher Howie Krist was wounded in France. . . . And Lt Ray Brownell, former Stanford golfer, was killed in the Philippines. . . . Capt Waddy Young, Oklahoma University All-American in 1938, is missing in action.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of Feb. 26 to March 5

MONDAY—Musical Quiz—Popular Sons	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
NCCS Presents Rene' Sarazen, Variety Program	SSO	1830	YMCA
TUESDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Wards
Movie	RECON	1400	YMCA
Movie "National Velvet" Mickey Rooney, Donald Crisp—Variety Musical	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—Orchestra Specialties and Novelty Program by Ft. McDowell Dance Band	RECON	1830	YMCA
THURSDAY—Bingo Game with Prizes	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Warfield Theatre Stage Show	SSO	1415	Rec. Hall
Personal Appearance of Ted Straeter and Singer	RECON	1830	YMCA
FRIDAY—A.F.E.C. Presents KPO favorites—Glenn & Dorothy	SSO	1400	Wd. S-1
Feature Movie	RECON	1800	YMCA
Pink Elephant Party with Girl Hostesses —Games and Refreshments	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Popcorn Party	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Game Night	RECON	1830	YMCA
SUNDAY—Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso	RECON	1330	YMCA
Jubilee Singers	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Musical with soloists and instrumentalists	RECON	1830	YMCA

POLLY CADET . . .



News From Home

New York (CNS) — The New York branch of the OWI received from its Paris office an unusual request: 100 pounds of diapers. The OWI, diaperless, turned the request over to American Relief for France, Inc, which promised action forthwith.

White Plains, N. Y. (CNS)—Leo Friedlander, local furrier, appealed to the Westchester County Board of Health for an emergency order of 5 tons of coal "to keep my models warm." The Board of Health learned that Mr. Friendlander's models were made of wax and needed the coal to preserve them from extreme cold. The appeal was heeded.

St John, N. B. (CNS)—Mrs Murray B. Waddell gave birth to a baby girl in a snowbank in front of her home while awaiting a sleigh which was to take her to a New Brunswick hospital. Then baby and mother went home instead of to the hospital. Both are doing well.

Detroit (CNS)—Firemen at a local hook and ladder station were caught with their pants down when fire broke out in their firehouse recently. Short on equipment, they had to telephone for aid. And they had to borrow a neighbor's telephone to do it.

Brazil, Ind (CNS)—Judge Robert B. Stewart blinked when he saw this case listed on the divorce docket: "George Washington vs Martha Washington." The folks involved are a local couple.

Warsaw, N. Y. (CNS) — The snow is so deep in this up-state town that farmer John Bauer had to dig a 49-foot tunnel through a 20-foot deep snowdrift in order to get to his barn.

Londonderry, Vt (CNS)—A local primary school has had 8 new teachers since last Thanksgiving. Four of the teachers quit to go into defense work, 2 got married and one became principal of another school.

Lincoln, Neb (CNS) — Nicknamed "the Tree Planter State" since pioneer days, the state of Nebraska hereafter will be known as "the Cornhusker State," the State Legislature has decreed.

Brandburg, Ill (CNS)—Returning home on furlough one dark night, Pvt Fred Gates opened his front gate, fell into a 7-foot excavation where his house once stood. During his absence the dwelling had been moved to another part of town.

New York (CNS)—A 14-year-old local nature lover has been arrested for stealing 6 birds, including a saw-whet owl and 3 sparrow hawks, from the aviary of the New York Zoo. "They looked sick," he explained. "I just wanted to feed them some mice."

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Bataan Nurses Are Honored During Busy Week at Letterman

At Letterman the Commanding General, Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, extended an individual greeting to each nurse as she stepped from the car. Quarters were arranged in Ward A-2 for all and in every room there was a vase of fresh flowers. Even more rare—a box of kleenex on every dresser. Luncheon was served immediately, with fresh milk proving to be the popular food and drink. Steaks with mushrooms was on the menu but the milk ranked first in demand.

The late afternoon was passed in review before the members of the medical staff and there was ample time to relax. Friends and relatives were admitted for visits. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, through the interest of Mr. Lyle M. Brown, the Division Manager, had installed long distance telephone facilities, and there was a grand rush to talk to the families all over the country. The San Francisco "Examiner" had guaranteed to cover the cost of the phone calls.

Sunday was a day of rest. The nurses attended church—the services of their choice. More friends called and a few relatives appeared. Provision had been made to accommodate relatives in one of the hospital buildings. Some of the nurses went out to dinner with the friends, others were taken for drives about the city by volunteers who felt no compunction in putting precious gasoline to that use. A special arrangement had been made with the beauty parlor to give free services, and the Quartermaster held a detail of his personnel on duty to hand out clothing. Everything the young lady needs—from head to toe—was given as a gift from their Uncle Sam. Three hundred uniforms had been sent in to give a choice in sizes, and fitters were ready to make needed alterations. An equal number of pairs of shoes were part of the available stock for the occasion. Hand bags were thrown in for good measure and the "Angels of Bataan" were turned out as well groomed officers of the Army Nurse Corps. The stentorian voice of an old army colonel brought order out of chaos. It was evident that he had watched a British sergeant major in action at some time in his care and had learned the technique. The crowd stopped milling around

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Brig. Gen. RAYMOND W. BLISS, Assistant Surgeon General of the Army who came to San Francisco from Washington, D. C., to welcome the liberated Angels of Bataan—the Army nurses who spent three years in internment at Santo Tomas.

Battan Nurses Meet Bilibid Prisoners, Again at Letterman

With tear-filled eyes, the Bataan nurses three years ago climbed into the trucks which took them to Corregidor and shortly thereafter to long years of imprisonment. Behind them, to await the tender mercies of the onrushing Japanese, were the crippled American soldiers who could not be moved.

Last night, at Letterman Hospital, the nurses and some of the same wounded men whom they had cared for, and been forced to leave, were reunited. Among the men were seven officers, the first to return from Bilibid prison and a group of enlisted men, all flown from the Philippines.

To all of them, the freedom was like a rebirth. Reluctant to talk about the past, but with eyes shining with joy in the freedom of the present, they variously told of their reactions to coming home. To be home, to have again the little things—that is what counts, they agreed. The Bay under the plane's wings was the most beautiful sight in the world.

Captain J. B. Smith explained what had happened after the nurses had been ordered away.

"I was helpless in a cast covering my body. Those able-bodied were marched off by the Japs on the 'Death March.' Thirty days or so later, they were sent in trucks for us wounded. We were piled aboard and taken directly to Bilibid. There we were, for two and a half years. I didn't get out of my cast for nearly a year. My wounds wouldn't heal under the conditions."

Bilibid is only a horrible nightmare now, but it is a nightmare

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MORE ABOUT BATAAN NURSES

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and gradually quieted down. There was a space cleared around the microphones and General Bliss began to speak.

"It is a privilege to extend to you the greetings of the Surgeon General of the Army on this occasion of your return to your native soil. While you have been absent in person these three long years you have been present in our innermost thoughts every minute of that time.

Today the Medical Department is proud of your unselfish devotion to duty. Your self sacrifice has demonstrated that the high standards of the nursing profession are something real, and the Army Nurse Corps glories in the picture you present to our fellow Americans.

Your courage is an inspiration to the women of our country and in history you will take your place with the pioneer women who have helped establish the ideals on which we live.

The gratitude of the men of our armed forces and the admiration of our people is everlastingly yours.

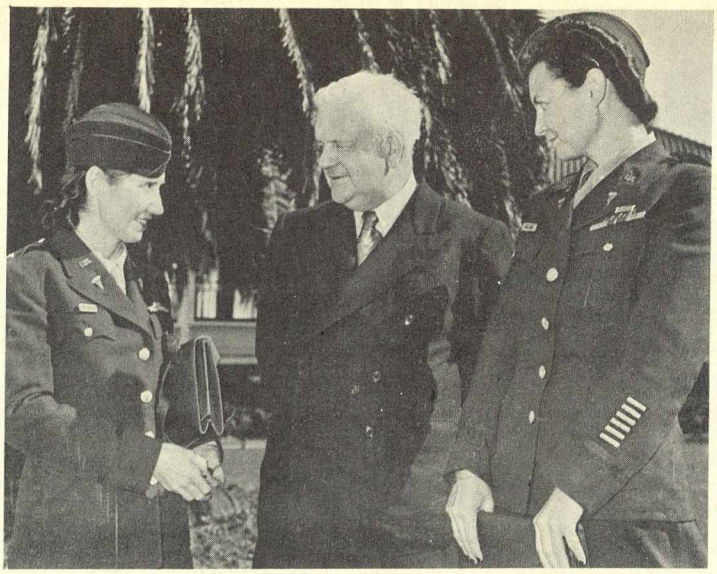
You have fought the good fight. We are grateful to the Almighty for your safe return and we stand humble in your presence.

Welcome home."

The Hon. Roger D. Lapham, Mayor of San Francisco, in a few words expressed the good wishes of the people of the city, and Mr. Henry W. Grady, chairman of the Citizens' Committee echoed that sentiment. The band began to play and the nurses walked toward a long convoy of staff cars for the 25 mile ride to Letterman General Hospital. State Highway patrolmen led the convoy and military police lent their aid to speedy movement.

For more than a week in advance of their arrival there were conferences and more conferences, letters and directives, circulars and suggestions, high ranking officers from Fort Douglas, and high ranking officers from our own community—all gathered for the purpose of arranging for the reception of the "Angels of Bataan."

With such an array of talent it was obvious that nothing there would be left to chance. With the military in control it indicated a program carried out with military precision. They had the authority and they had the men available.



THE MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO
Hon. Roger D. Lapham, chatting with two of the liberated nurses in patio at Letterman. First Lieut. Bertha H. Dworsky (left), Mayor Lapham, and 1st Lieut. Rosemary Hogan.

The program was arranged. The planes would form half of a hollow square. Two boarding officers would meet each plane and conduct the nurses to a central point on the landing field, where the Assistant Surgeon General would make an address of welcome, and followed by a greeting from the Mayor of San Francisco and the chairman of the Citizens Committee representing the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Hamilton Field was ready for its greatest day.

The microphones were set up, the news reel cameras put in place, and photographers and reporters were poised for a flying start on the events of the moment. That sunny Saturday afternoon was to be recorded for posterity.

The four giant silvery planes made the landing and rolled into the fixed positions; the landing steps were set against each plane, and the boarding officers waited. The nurses emerged from the planes, started toward the center of the field, and then pandemonium broke loose. Friends and relatives ran to meet the nurses, nurses ran to meet friends, and away went the pre-arranged program. There was laughing and weeping on all sides. Those who were met by friends were very happy, while those who still hoped for a personal welcome kept their eyes scanning the crowds.

Reporters and news cameramen had been excluded by a "news blackout" until Monday afternoon when the formal ceremonies of welcome were held in the Letterman patio.

A program was arranged by Lieut. Colonel Seth O. Craft, Adjutant and Assistant Executive Officer. There were brief addresses by General Hillman, Lieut. Colonel Mary G. Phillips, assistant superintendent, Army Nurse Corps, Archbishop John J. Mitty, Rev. Dr. John Hayes Creighton, and Rabbi Elliot M. Burstein. The medal of the Order of the Purple Heart was awarded to 1st Lieut. Rosemary Hogan and 1st Lieut. Rita G. Palmer for wounds received in action, and personal letters from the President and the Chief of Staff were handed to the liberated nurses by General Hillman. The ceremonies concluded with a short speech by Mr. Verne Simmons, Pacific Area Director, American Red Cross, and the presentation of a check to Miss Marie Adams, assistant field director, ARC, who had been interned in Santo Tomas for three years.

Again the news reels recorded the event and the reporters wrote reams of copy. Camera shutters clicked all over the patio and interviewers piled question on question. The nurses bore it all bravely and patiently. They needed more rest when that ordeal was over. In the evening a special coast to coast broadcast was arranged by the Blue network and the nation heard 1st Lieut. Helen M. Cassiani, of Bridgewater, Mass., 1st. Lieut. Dorothy L. Ludlow, of Lexa, Arkansas, 1st Lieut. Phyllis Arnold Iacabucci, of Corning, New York, and 1st Lieut. Geneva Jenkins, of Sevierville, Tenn. relate some of their impressions on returning home from their three years of imprisonment under the enemy.

On Tuesday morning came the first break in the association that endured from the fall of Corregidor until the return to Letterman. Eleven of the nurses took off for Washington in the military plane that had brought General Bliss and General Rankin from the nation's capital to welcome the returning heroines. From Washington the nurses would fan out to their homes for a 60 day period of temporary duty, with the option of an additional 30 days. At the completion of the temporary duty they will report to the Redistribution station of their choice, where they would have an additional 21 days of relaxation. To the redistribution station they are authorized to bring two members of their families as their guests. Finally they may select the next post of duty. That routine is to be followed by all of the returning nurses.

On Tuesday evening there was a dinner dance tendered the nurses by the Officers' Club of the Presidio, and on Wednesday evening they were the guests of Mr. George Mardikian at the world known "Omar Khayyam" restaurant. After dinner the nurses were entertained in the homes of Mr. Henry W. Grady and Mr. Mardikian. The latter presented each nurse with a box of candy and an autographed copy of his recent book "Dinner at Omar's."

On Thursday 20 more of the "Angels" began to wing their way homeward and the last two days of the week witnessed the departure of most of the remaining group.

A note of sorrow was injected into the prevailing joy on Thursday when Lieut. Beulah M. Greenwalt received word that her mother was desperately ill at her home in Rollo, Missouri. The lieutenant, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E. L. Spaulding, took off in a plane on Thursday evening for the bedside of her mother.

General Hillman and the staff of Letterman feel that it was a rare privilege to be of service to the young women of the Army Nurse Corps. Women who had shown great courage under fire, and great strength during the long years of their confinement in the enemy prison encampment.

FOREMOST ILLUSTRATORS WORK FOR FREE AT LETTERMAN

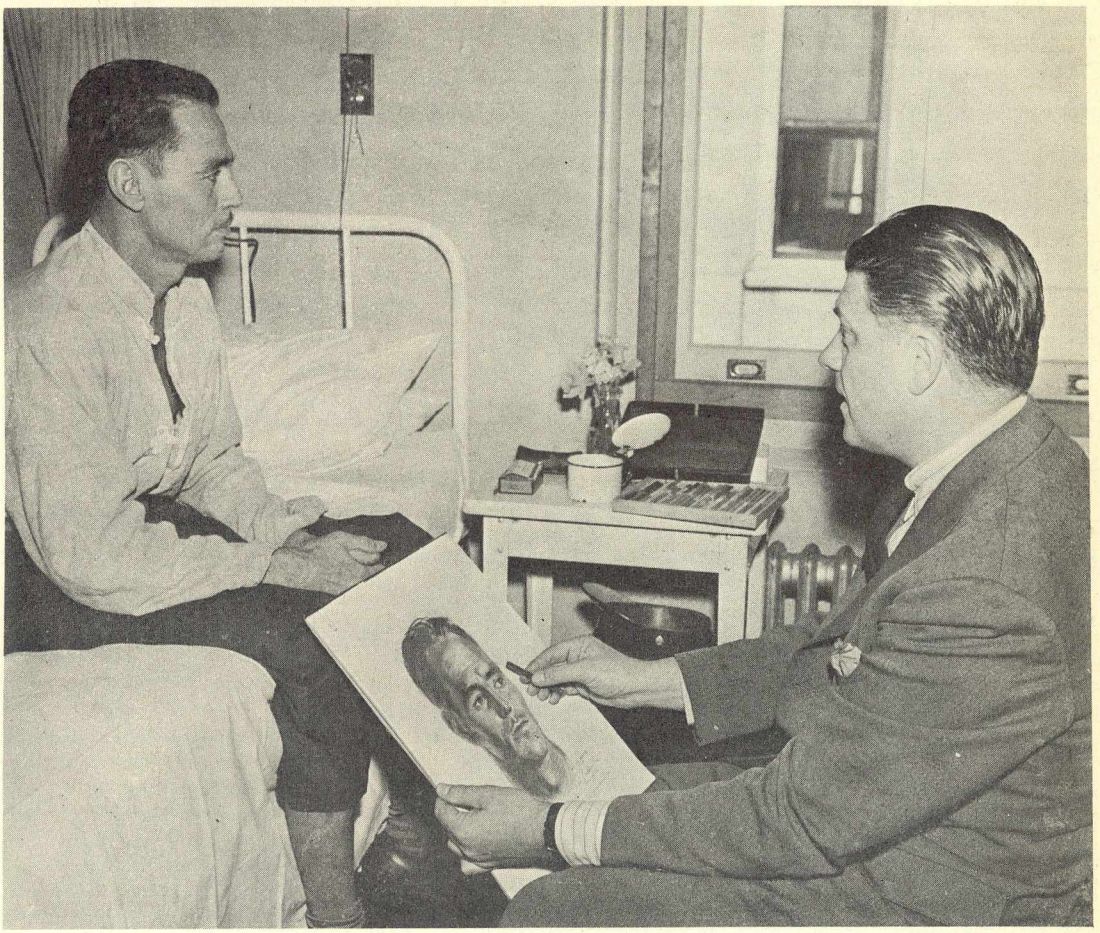
The Nation's prominent artists and illustrators have found a new niche for themselves in the war effort. The men and women who do the covers and the story illustrations for your favorite magazine and the ads for the large national accounts have turned their talents to sketching G.I.'s in Army and Navy hospitals throughout the United States and right behind the front lines all over the world.

Under the sponsorship of the USO Camp Shows, Mr. Ray Prohaska, formerly of San Francisco, and now one of the Nation's foremost illustrators, visited Letterman Hospital last week to introduce to the hospital 10 of the Bay Area's leading artists. Before bringing this array of talent out, Mr. Prohaska spent three days at the hospital himself, doing portraits in charcoal and pastel of the patients. Mr. Prohaska, vice president of the Society of Illustrators, has been instrumental in organizing the program throughout the country and has now more than 100 top-notch artists participating in the program. Mr. Prohaska, whose illustrations have appeared in the Cosmopolitan, Woman's Home Companion, Good Housekeeping, Red Book, and all other leading periodicals, has done more than 1000 portraits in hospitals throughout the country. "Doctors and psychiatrists," he said, "agree that this work can, in many cases, work something that approaches a miracle. We who are active in the program have seen it happen."

Servicemen who are sketched receive the original portrait and two photostatic copies without charge of any kind. The entire work is volunteer on the part of the artists. The pictures, signed by the artist, may be sent to anyone the serviceman designates.

The 10 artists who came to the hospital with Mr. Prohaska, all from San Francisco, were Michel Kady, Jack Painter, Paul Nayland, Irving Sinclair, Steve Broder, James Lewis, Clyde Seavey, Lou Seigriest, Haines Hall and J. L. Wickstrom. They plan to come in small groups to the hospital two or three times a week to continue the program.

Through their generous donations of time and skill, the ever-expanding USO Camp Shows Hospital Sketching Program has set a new record for itself—about 35 top-flight artists will tour the Hospital Circuit during the first two months of the new year to do portraits of our injured servicemen.



ARTIST AT WORK

Mr. Ray Prohaska, well-known illustrator from New York, does a pastel portrait of Pfc. Abel Alvarez, of El Paso, Texas, at Letterman Hospital.

More than 10,000 portraits have been done by the 91 artists who have participated in the Sketching Program since its beginning, touring a circuit which includes nearly 100 hospitals.

In addition to this comprehensive domestic sketching program, a half dozen artists are at present filling overseas assignment for Camp Shows, doing portraits of hospitalized veterans in the fighting zones. Not soldiers in greasepaint like their fellow-entertainers in Camp Shows, but soldiers armed with sketch pad and pencil are these volunteers: Charles Van Allenbrook, of New Rochelle, New York, now serving in the Middle East and Central Africa; Irma Attridge, of Los Angeles, California, who is on her way, destination as yet unknown; Rudolph Belarski, of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, serving in the European Theater of Operations; Carl Bender, of New Rochelle, New York, in the Southwest Pacific area; Willard Fairchild, of New York City, now in England; Polly Faris, of New York City, in Italy; Albert Lake, of Boston, Massachusetts, serving in the China-Burma-India Theater of War; John Vickery, of New York City, sketching in the Netherlands East Indies.

The Hospital Sketching Program, as a nation-wide project, was launched in the spring of 1944. Scores of well-known artists and commercial illustrators have participated since its inception. These are the men and women who go into the wards of Army and Navy General and Convalescent hospitals—as many as five hospitals per tour—spending about six days at each.

They go into as many wards as possible, sketch as many men as time permits, allowing themselves an average of 30 minutes per drawing. They strive for good likenesses—not caricatures nor glamorization. The men do not want to be flattered. They gather around to do a lot of kidding while one of their buddies is being sketched. The artists select models at random or by "lucky numbers' 'out of a hat.

"When are you coming back?" is the question the men ask as the sketchbooks and pencils are put away. That is the artist's reward.

Remembers Her Name But Not Address

Camp Claiborne, La. (CNS)—Cpl. Homer Golden can remember the name of his girl but he forgets the name of the street where she lives. So he has written to the chief of police at Atlanta, Ga., where he met the girl, for a list of all the streets in that city. "I think I'd know the street name if I saw it," he wrote.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

WELL DONE

The inspiring message addressed by the Commander in Chief to the members of the Army Nurse Corps liberated on Bataan is worthy of the widest circulation. The President wrote—

"It gives me special pleasure to welcome you back to your native shores, and to express, on behalf of the people of the United States, the joy we feel at your deliverance from the hands of the enemy. It is a source of profound satisfaction that our efforts to accomplish your return have been successful.

"You have served valiantly in foreign lands and have suffered greatly. As your Commander in Chief, I take pride in your past achievements and express the thanks of a grateful Nation for your services in combat and your steadfastness while a prisoner of war.

"May God grant each of you happiness and an early return to health."

As an "old Navy" man we know he would like to add something so we presume to do it for him. It is the traditional Navy encomium WELL DONE.

Sympathy

The sympathy of the command is extended to Captain Rex P. Clayton on the death of his father which occurred this week.



A fond farewell to Second Lieutenant **Fannie I. Mattson** who left the 'Ol diggins' of LGH this week and will report to Mayo General Hospital in Galesburg, Illinois for duty.

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Reported from Dante is that—Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, parents of Captain **Maryelizabeth Abbott,** ANC., will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary soon. So Daughter Maryelizabeth received a short leave in order to join them on the occasion of celebration.

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A couple of months ago six nurses left the staff of Letterman for overseas and at the same time, their destination was a mystery. But just about a week ago, word was received from them telling of their arrival at the Philippines. In the group were First Lieutenants **Pearl W. Lewich, Rebecca Chamberlin, Daisey O. Teeslink, Mable L. Nygaard,** and **Doris E. Neill.** Also Second Lieutenant **Dorothy S. Davis** who was at one time interned in a Japanese prison camp. She was returned to the United States on the Swedish exchange ship Gripsholm, and often expressed her desire to return to Manila, where her home had been established prior to her internment.

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When the liberated nurses from the Philippines were the guests of George Mardikian at his restaurant, Omar Khayyam's, on last Wednesday—Major **Josephine Motl,** Captains **Ruth Wagner** and **Lizzie Woods** were included in the invitation. They said the dinner was delicious and the program was very nice. On the whole —the affair was wonderful.

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'Here and about'—is First Lieutenant **Lillian Girarde** of the 1960th Train Unit. Formerly of the staff here, she just can't stray away from her old stomping grounds and old friends.

Bathing Suits Sent To Chilly Russians

Santa Barbara, Cal. (CNS) — Residents of Santa Barbara are sending 1,000 bathing suits to the icy steppes of Soviet Russia. "You see," explains Mrs. John A. Jameson, head of the Russian War Relief drive here, "they'll make nice warm woolen underwear."

THE OBSERVER SAW

Much fine work on the part of our staff which prompts the handing out of a few

BOUQUETS

To Colonel **Curtis A. Keen,** ATC Commanding Officer, and Colonel **C. R. Melin,** Base Commander, at Hamilton Field for their "Old Army" graciousness to Letterman personnel.

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To Colonel **Harvey F. Hendrickson,** Chief of the Receiving and Evacuation Branch, for his cordial cooperation in arranging the multitude of details in connection with the movement to the homes of the nurses.

To Major **Cleo B. Rumsey** for his efficient—but quiet—performance of the duty involved in providing many creature comforts for the returning nurses.

To 1st Lieut. **Virginia O. Sanderson** for her able administration of the ward occupied by the returning nurses. She demonstrated unfailing patience in the many demands for her services and there was the same pleasant note in her voice every time she answered the telephone in response to hundreds of calls.

To. Lieut. **Emma Webster,** dietitian in charge of the Patient Officers' Mess, for her imperturbable calm in the midst of clamor all during all meals served under direction.

To the staff of the **Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company** for their excellent performance of duty in expediting the hundreds of long distance telephone calls from and to the returning nurses.

To 2nd Lieut. **George D. Dowling** and the men on his staff for the prompt and efficient work in making available the long overdue pay for the nurses.

To Pfc. **Raymond Seidenburg,** Ward Master, and Pvt. **Vincent A. Canizaro,** of Ward A-2, for their unfailing courtesy to the patients and visitors on the ward this week.

To the staff of the **Letterman Photographic Laboratory** for their willing cooperation in the extra work entailed in taking so many photographs this week.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 4, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Stork Was Here

To Tech. 4th Gr. and Mrs. Clark Vandervort a son, Harold Clark; born 17 February; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. Efrian Romero a daughter, Edith Janet; born 20 February; weight 8 pounds 3 ounces.

To Private first class and Mrs. Austin Meyer a son, Emil Louis; born 19 February; weight 6 pounds 2 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. Mitchell Dobbert a daughter, Michelle Lucille; born 20 February; weight 6 pounds 13 ounces.

To Corporal and Mrs. Raymond Moreno a son, Raymond Anthony; born 21 February; weight 5 pounds 7 ounces.

To 2nd Lieutenant and Mrs. George Marquis a son, George Leon Jr., born 21 February; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Donald Johnson a son, Noble Marshall; born 23 February; weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To Tech. Sergeant and Mrs. Salvadore Paez a son, Denis Eugene; born 23 February; weight 8 pounds.

To Lieut. (j.g.) and Mrs. John Goebel a daughter, Nancy Jo; born 20 February; weight 8 pounds 2 ounces.

To C.W.O. and Mrs. Frank Denny a daughter, Kathleen; born 23 February; weight 6 pounds 4 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Archie Werner a son, Gary Hayward; born 20 February; weight 7 ponds 7 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Watts a daughter, Alice Jean; born 20 February; weight 6 pounds 5 ounces.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



O. OLIN VARNER, Pvt., Med. Det.

Honors go to Private O. Olin Varner this week, member of the medical detachment here and now featured as 'Buck private of this week.'

The private was born in Norton, Virginia, and at the age of six moved to Wise with his family to receive his book learning. Upon completion of his schooling he went to work at various jobs but was never satisfied with them—and so he decided to move back to Norton. But he did not do this until he married the girl of his choice. They established their home in Norton and the private went to work for a large grocery store. His experience and capabilities finally won him the position as assistant manager of the store eventually and it was at this job that he was working when the 'call to arms' interrupted the general serenity of his private life.

It was in February of 1944 that greetings were received and Private Varner reluctantly left his family of three daughters and two sons to contribute his share in aiding the war effort—in the service of his country. He was inducted at Fort George Meade, Maryland, where he remained for four days and was assigned to the 89th Chemical Warfare Battalion. It was not the 'call of the wild' nor the 'lures of the west' that brought the private out to California. It was just an order issued by the War Department—and Varner was boarding the train and heading for Camp Roberts before he could say "Jack Robinson." Before he even completed his basic training there, he was sent on to Camp White, Oregon. Subsequent assignment to Letterman followed where he has been performing the duties as corpsman on ward since May of last year.

After the duration and six months when one observes a screen of dust rising in the general direction of the southeast . . . that will be Private Varner—hurrying home.

Angels Of Bataan

Major MAUDE C. DAVISON
Office of The Surgeon General, Washington D. C.

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ON THE SPOT



CHARLES D. BESNAN, Cpl., Infantry

Combat action in the Pacific with the 96th Infantry Division made Corporal Charles D. Besnan of Sullivan, Illinois, a voluble booster for the basic weapon of the American rifleman—and our selection to be featured 'On The Spot' this week.

"I carried an M1 rifle," he said when interviewed during his stay here at Letterman soon after his return from overseas, "and you couldn't give me anything else.

"With that gun, you don't have to hit a guy more than once to stop him, and you can reach out and bring him up to you. At a range of more than 10 yards, that rifle cannot be excelled for accuracy and power.

"And you don't have to baby the M1, either. It'll do the job for you anywhere, any time, and under any conditions."

Corporal Besnan, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Besnan, live on Rural Route No. 1, Sullivan, was instrument corporal in a heavy machinegun section of one of the 96th Division's heavy weapons companies.

"The instrument corporal works with the section sergeant in estimating ranges and picking out targets for the machineguns," he explained, "and serves as a messenger for the platoon leader. That accounting for my being with a patrol preparing for an advance on Leyte.

"Our patrol was stopped by intense Jap mortar and machinegun fire, and my leg was broken when fragments from a mortar shell struck me."

The 24-year-old Doughboy Veteran was overseas five months after taking his basic training with the 96th Division in this country.

Corporal Besnan is no doubt at this time located in the hospital nearer his home undergoing further treatment for his leg wound which will not incapacitate him too much —being nearer home.

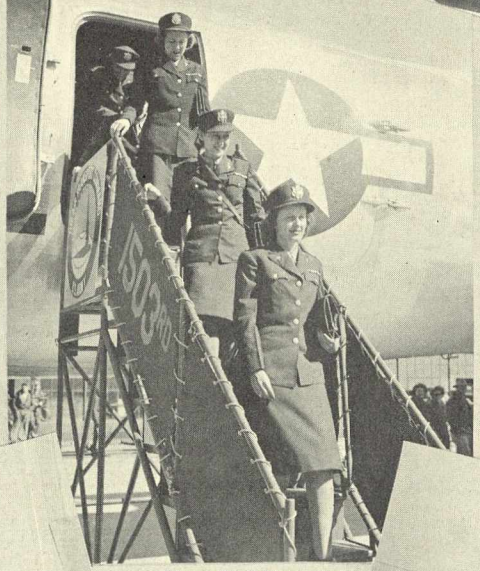
ANGELS OF BATAAN COME BACK TO THEIR HOME LAND AMID CHEERS

WAITING FOR THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME OF BRIG GEN BLISS; ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL.



Capt. Edith Shacklette restrains her group on the landing steps.





Lieut. Helen "Pat" Hennessey leads the procession to terra firma.

Lieuts. Ressa and Geneva Jenkins re-united again. Both served on Bataan and Corregidor but Ressa escaped before the surrender.

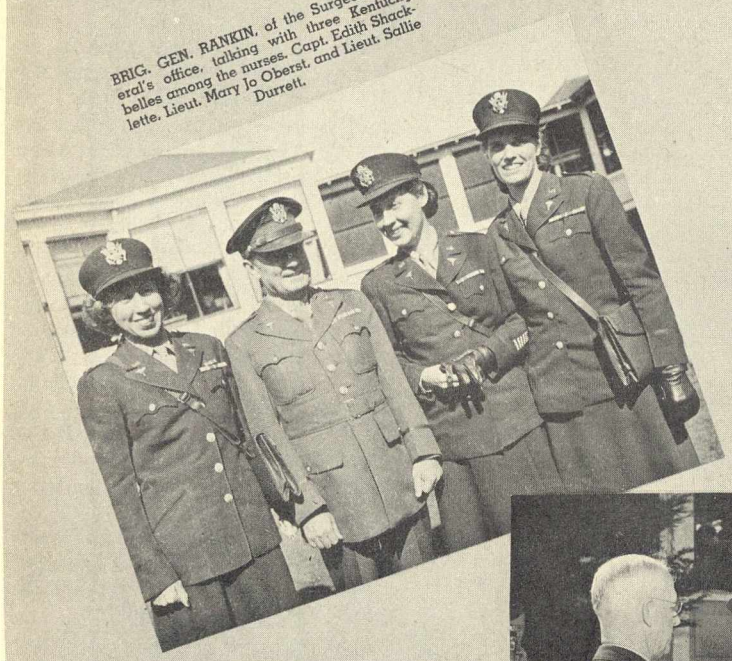


Brig. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss and Joe E. Brown share the head of the table at luncheon--the first meal at Letterman.

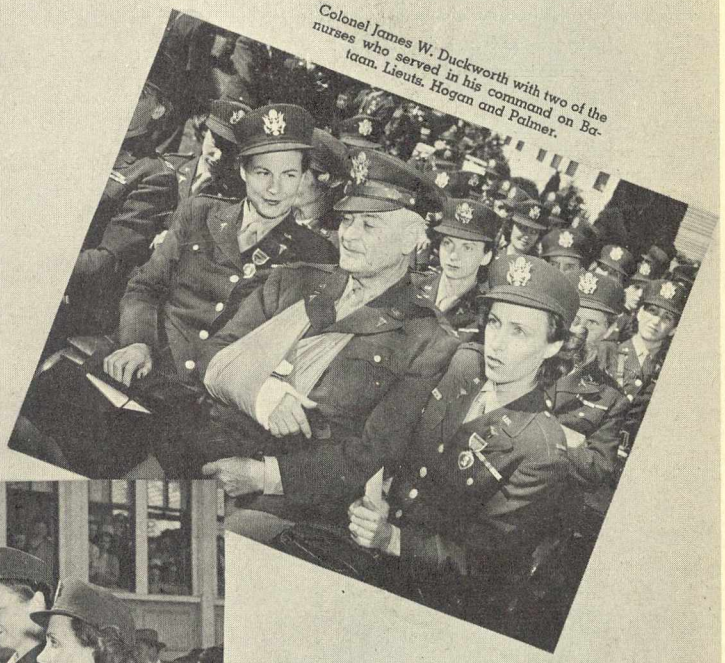


"ANGELS" SPEND A BUSY TIME AT LETTERMAN WITH CEREMONIES

BRIG. GEN. RANKIN, of the Surgeon General's office, talking with three Kentucky belles among the nurses. Capt. Edith Shacklette, Lieut. Mary Jo Oberst, and Lieut. Sallie Durrett.

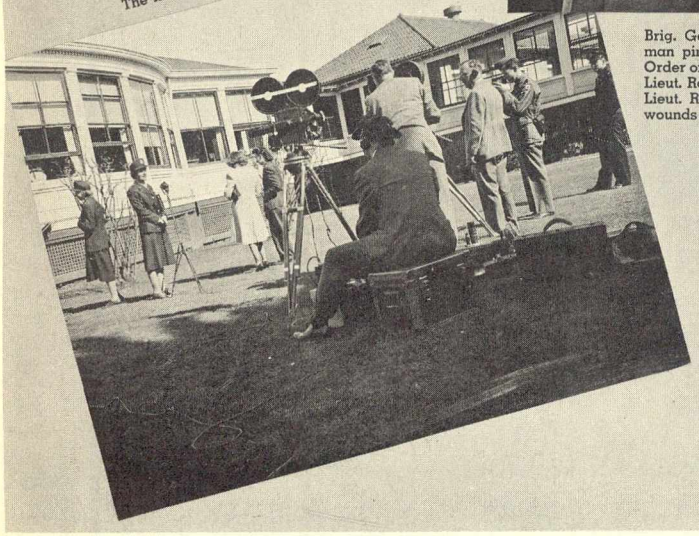


Colonel James W. Duckworth with two of the nurses who served in his command on Bataan. Lieuts. Hogan and Palmer.





The news reel cameramen at work.



Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman pins the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart on Lieut. Rosemary Hogan and Lieut. Rita G. Palmer for wounds received in action on Bataan.

Fresh milk tasted so good at the first luncheon at Letterman.



MEDICAL DETACH

A hearty welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: Sergeants Howard H. Christoffers, Ermery E. Belveal, James R. Iannone, Kenneth J. Wilkins, and Privates Albert G. Speicher, John Erickson, Hugh M. Widetick, Robert A. Capdevielle, Raymond C. Francis and Ned E. Mannix.

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Furloughs were issued during the past week to the following members of the detachment: 23 days to Corporal William E. Taylor and Private Frederick A. Schmuck; Tech. 5th Gr. Robert Dowell and Private Robert Dowell received 22 days; Tech. Sergeant Norbert R. Tasler and Private William Dunham—21 days; Private Pauline S. Magale—17 days, and last but not least—Private Floyd H. Robinson received 15 days.

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Good luck and best wishes to the following men who left the detachment during the past week: S/Sgt. William B. Sackheim, Cpl. Ora O. Scrivner, Tech. 5th Gr. John Christensen, Jr., Pfc. Maximino B. Alboya, and Privates Carmel J. Palerma, Phillip Sager, Jack J. Casson and Clarence G. Armstrong.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/Sgt. Lewin S. Villa taking up new hobbies—this time it's photography.

Sgt. Robert J. Bement hustling around the hospital corridors and managing to look busy.

Tech. 5th Gr. Raymond J. Jayne of the Finance Office—and wavy hair. (Could it be a new hair shampoo?)

The disruption of the noon hour pinochle game by Sgt. Firmino B. Cavalli's snoring.

Cpl. John E. Perkins modeling the latest in G.I. apparel. (Some class!!)

Sgt. Merle Frazee working like a teamster down at Medical Supply.

MORE ABOUT NURSES MEET PRISONERS

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that will never be forgotten by the men who were imprisoned there, nor by the American people whose prayers have been answered by the dliverance of those gallant men.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For week of Mar. 5 to Mar. 12

MONDAY—Sketcher, Mr. Fleming	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Variety Stage Show	SSO	1830	YMCA
TUESDAY—A. F. E. C. Variety Entertainment	SSO	1400	Wards
Movie "National Barn Dance" Jean Heather	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Musical in Lobby	SSO	1830	YMCA
WEDNESDAY—Informal Musical	SSO	1830	YMCA
THURSDAY—Current Warfield Theatre Stage Show	SSO	1415	Rec. Hall
Movie "Roughly Speaking" Rosiland Russel, Jack Carsen	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—Feature Movie	RECON	1330	YMCA
Spring Fever Party—Girl Hostesses—Refreshments	SSO	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Movie "End Of The Road" John Abbott, Edward Norris	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Small Games Night	RECON	1830	YMCA
SUNDAY—Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso	SSO	1330	YMCA
Social Time in the Lobby with Junior Hostesses and refreshments	RECON	1330	YMCA
Table Tennis Tournament in the Auditorium	RECON	1500	YMCA
Musical with Soloists and instrumentalists	SSO	1830	YMCA

POLLY CADET . . .



Sad Sacks Swamp Strong Mason Team

The Letterman "Sad Sacks" once again showed that they are still in the running in the General Kell's bowling league when they took two out of three games from the Fort Mason team last Friday night at the Mason Alleys. Fort Mason has one of the strongest teams in the league and by beating them the Letterman keglers step up in the league standings.

In the first game the Fort Mason bowlers lived up to their reputation by drubbing the medics by 107 pins. However, in the second game, the LGH bowlers got their eyes and came out in front by the slim margin of six pins which made this the most thrilling game of the series. But in the third game the medics took complete control and finished the game 72 pins in the lead.

Total pinnage for the series was very close as Letterman had 2737 and the Fort 2736—which gave the sacks the edge by one pin.

High scoring honors for this series went to Kuntz of the medicine men and he had a total pinnage of 598. Next came Michalik, the anchor man for the Mason team with a 568 series. The rest of the players of both teams were all over the 500 mark.

This series was completely a Letterman show as Kuntz won high game honors when he finished the third game with a total of 212. He was followed by Morano, also of Letterman with a game of 203.

Following are the scores for the series:

LETTERMAN				
Sterr	157	170	201	528
Williams	142	187	171	520
Morano	167	203	182	552
Yohe	198	149	192	539
Kuntz	197	189	212	598
Total	861	898	958	2737
FORT MASON				
Gennai	214	182	166	562
Francisco	192	176	172	540
Bokelkamp	182	185	184	551
Tanner	182	148	185	515
Michalik	188	201	179	568
Total	968	892	886	2736

Rudy Vallee Weds

Hollywood (CNS) — Lt. Rudy Vallee, crooner and bandleader turned Coast Guardsman, and Bettejane Greer, screen glitter girl, were married here recently. He's 42. She's 19.

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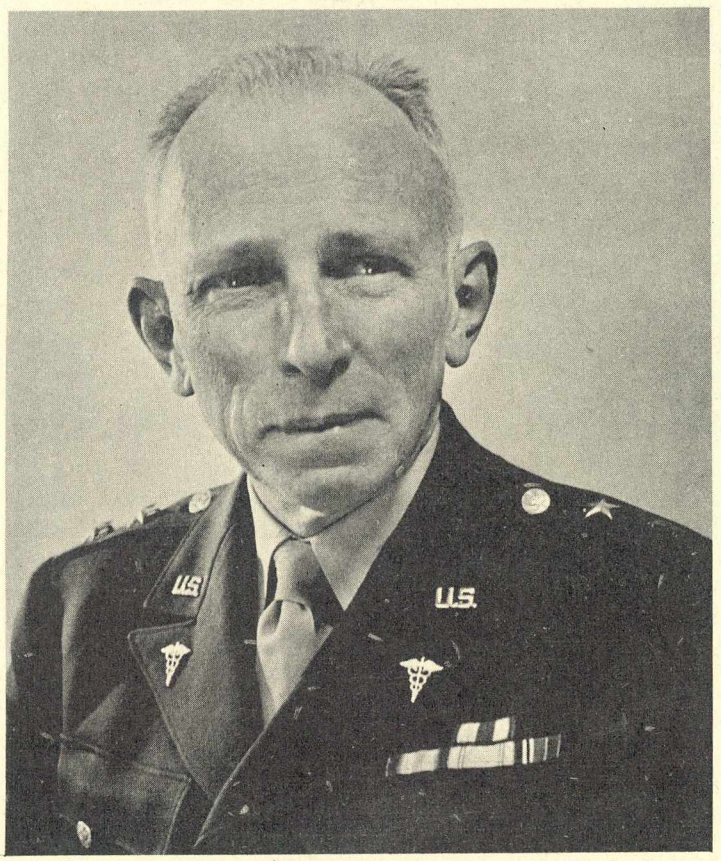
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Bataan Veterans Receive Generous Welcome on Arrival

The Battling B------s of Bataan, the men who sang of the lack of family with the words "No mamma, no papa, no Uncle Sam" came home to San Francisco on Thursday morning to find everyone in the gracious city by the Golden Gate ready to play the parts of their sisters and their cousins and their aunts.

The ship bearing the men to this first port in their homeland arrived at the Quarantine station in the harbor shortly after 10 o'clock and it was there boarded by the highest ranking army officers in the bay area. A special boat made the voyage from Pier 15 to shipside where an accommodation ladder had been put in place to facilitate the progress of the boarding party in getting on deck.

Representing the army were Major General H. C. Pratt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command, Major General Clarence H. Kells, Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, Letterman General Hospital, Colonel Charles Sargent, representing the Military Personnel Division, Headquarters Army Service Forces, Lieut. Colonel Eugene D. Mullins, Public Relations Officer, Ninth Service Command, and Major Daniel J. Reidy, Acting Executive Officer, Casualty Section, Adjutant General's Department, and many others. For the civilian community the delegation was headed by the Hon. Roger D. Lapham, Mayor of San Francisco, Dr. James F. Grady, chairman of the Citizens Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Harold Mills, secretary of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.



Major General NORMAN T. KIRK, The Surgeon General of the Army

Initiating a new policy, the gentlemen of the press with their accouterments of cameras and the like, and the brethren of the radio section, with their portable sending sets, and the small select coterie of the news reel experts, were all invited to board the transport in the harbor for a preview of the returning veterans.

On shipboard each of the returning vets received the personal greeting message from their Commander in Chief, the President of the United States, and a message in similar vein from the Chief of Staff, General George C. Marshall. Each of the liberated prisoners of war was advanced one grade unless already master sergeants in the enlisted grades or colonels in the commissioned ranks.

At the pier provision was made for relatives to greet their loved ones and when that ceremony was completed the patients were loaded into busses and formed in line for a parade from the pier to Letterman. Leading the line was the staff car bearing the star of the Commanding General, Brig. General C.

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Surgeon General at Letterman for a Day This Week

Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, spent a day this week at Letterman on his return from an inspection trip of the Pacific Ocean area.

Accompanying General Kirk was Lieut. Raymond W. Bliss, Jr., son of Brig. Gen. R. W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon General. Lieut. Bliss was stationed on Corregidor with the Coast Artillery and was wounded in action prior to the surrender of the fortress. He was taken prisoner at that time and has been in the hands of the enemy until his liberation at Cabanatuan by the American Rangers late in January.
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While at Letterman the Surgeon General addressed the staff and gave a summary of his observations on the work of medical department personnel in the combat areas of the Pacific. He had the highest praise for the officers, nurses and enlisted men of the Medical Corps. Their efficient work has saved many lives on all the islands where combat has taken place.

In the evening General Kirk was a guest of Colonel and Mrs. Russel H. Patterson at an informal reception where some of the local orthopedic surgeons renewed old acquaintances.

The general visited with some of the liberated Bilibid and Cabanatuan prisoners who were patients here and examined with great interest the home made prostheses worn by the men with amputations.

General Kirk left early on Tuesday morning to resume his journey to Washington. Lieut. Bliss accompanied him all the way home and plans were made for General and Mrs. Bliss to meet their son on arrival.

MORE ABOUT BATAAN VETERANS

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C. Hillman, and next came a truck carrying the Fort Mason Band. The escort of city and military police cleared the streets of traffic and the crowds lining the sidewalks had a clear view of the men who came back from the "March of Death." The city schools had been closed for the afternoon and thousands of children were among the spectators.

On arrival at Letterman the patients were quickly unloaded and the processing began. First there was the usual information obtained from each of the men and they had a chance to sip a bottle of fresh milk while that operation was in progress. They were next assigned to wards and issued clothing for wear while in the hospital and immediately began the physical screening by the medical officers on the staff.

Visitors began to appear with queries for relatives and these were quickly handled at a special office organized under Captain Harry J. Kelly, officer in charge of liberated personnel. The normal routine for reception of visitors during the usual visiting hours was suspended for the time being and every effort was made to establish rapid contact with the families and the patients.

In the background a corps of Red Cross volunteers under the direction of Miss Gloria Rich, Field Director for the American Red Cross at Letterman, were answering hundreds of telephone queries and making a successful proceedure of delivering messages to the individuals designated.

The wards to which the patients were assigned were tastefully decorated with potted plants and flowers all donated through the generosity of Podesta & Boldocchi and their staffs did the actual work of placing the plants and cut flowers in the corridors as well as at the bedside of each patient. This feature of the reception was arranged through Mr. Edward Goeppner, of the florists association, and Mrs. Percival Dolman, volunteer in the Arts & Skills section of the Reconditioning Division.

The San Francisco "Examiner" once again provided the funds to pay for a free phone call to any part of the country and the staff of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company worked until late in the night to complete as many calls as possible. Every one wanted to talk to "Mom" or "Pop" and the girls at the switchboard wanted just as much to complete that call. One of the amusing incidents of their strenuous efforts was the lack of co-operation at the receiving end of one phone line in Oklahoma. The long distance operator reported that the party called would take the receiver from the hook and then hang up again without answering. This was repeated many times and it was finally decided to wait until the morning to try again. Some one back in the "Sooner State" had very definite ideas about not being disturbed in the late hours by any crank trying to get him to answer the phone. It is not hard to imagine the chagrin when it is learned that a long absent son or husband was making that attempt.

Among those returning was the nephew of Staff Sergeant Chauncy Young, a young man previously well known around Letterman. He is Corporal Alfred C. Jolly, of the Medical Department, who was wounded on Bataan and one of the first to scamper out of the stockade at Cabanatuan when the Rangers raided that prison and set free the 513 officers and men confined there. The mother of Corporal Jolly, Mrs. Maida Ryan, was depicted on the front page of the San Francisco "News" as symbolic of the mothers of America viewing the return of so many sons to the land of their birth.

Chaplain (Colonel) Alfred C. Oliver, Jr., senior chaplain of the Philippine Department at the outbreak of the war, came home to find Mrs. Oliver waiting in San Francisco to greet him. Chaplain Oliver was a source of much solace to the men confined with him in Cabanatuan prison, and the same smile which did so much in the dark days of the past three years was again in evidence under the sunny skies of San Francisco.

An unexpected treat for the liberated men was the welcome extended to them by the three "Angels of Bataan" who made a belated arrival at Letterman on Monday morning last. First Lieuts. Mary B. Menzie, Agnes Barre, and Eula B. Fails, were the young ladies who "just had to go out to that transport in the harbor" to make up for everything they had missed by not coming to San Francisco with the original group of repatriated nurses. There was much shouting and waving at the sight of the trim figures on the deck of the boarding launch as it pulled alongside the huge transport. The traditional distinction between officer and man was overlooked as a few of their former pet patients were greeted with a hug.



1st LIEUT. ANNA B. PARDEW
And daughter, Olivia Jane, youngest passenger to fly the Air Transport Command route across the Pacific from Manila.

One of the busiest officers at at Letterman throughout the afternoon and far into the night was Lieut. George D. Dowling, Finance Officer, who declined to call it a day until every one of the returning patients had at least a partial pay. The enlisted assistants of the lieutenant worked right along with him and there was plenty of money in evidence for a few hours until the Custodian of the Patients' Funds could take it over for safe keeping.

There was a sombre note amid all the joy of being home for Master Sgt. Barney Machovic, veteran Coast Artilleryman with 33 years of service in the Regular Army to his credit. There was a telegram waiting for him with the sad news of the death of his sister in New Jersey only a few days ago. The Chaplain delivered the message and Barney took it like the soldier that he is.

While all the activity in connection with the male veterans was attracting the attention of almost every one, still another of the "Angels of Bataan" made a very quiet arrival. She came in by plane in the early afternoon and landed at Hamilton Field. She was 1st Lieut. Anne Bonner Pardew and with her was daughter Olivia Jane who will be four in April. The lieutenant was a dietitian on duty at Sternberg General Hospital and had been confined in Santo Tomas with her husband and daughter since January of 1941. Olivia Jane is the first child to arrive in the United States from the internment camp at Santo Tomas and the first child of her age to be flown by the Air Transport Command across the Pacific Ocean. Olivia Jane was born in Manila and unable to make comparisons between her home land as of now and prior to the war.

Lieut. Pardew is the daughter of Lieut. Colonel Frank B. Bonner, re-

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CAMERAMAN CATCHES FIRST PHOTOS OF PHILIPPINE HEROES



FIRST STEP ON THE HOME SOIL.



THE BATTERED BOYS FROM BILIBID.



CORPORAL ALFRED C. JOLLEY
MEETS HIS MOM.

FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESSING--
"NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER."



TWO OLD TIMERS TALK IT OVER.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

HOME AGAIN

A welcome in keeping with the tradition that has made San Francisco world famous was given to the liberated prisoners of war—the men of Cabanatuan and Bilibid—when the ship made port on Thursday morning.

To the native sons and daughters, as well as to the strangers within the gates, this was a home coming at which they played the part of the mothers and wives, sons and daughters, and sweethearts who could not be present for the occasion. It was a welcome in which all America played a part.

Three years had passed—three very long years—since the officers and men of that group had been in touch with the reality they had once known as their daily routine. They came back to a country at war; a country striving to produce the materiel for the men at the fighting fronts; a country that had necessarily deprived itself of many of the little luxuries they had known in the days before Pearl Harbor.

These veterans of Bataan and Corregidor, and Mindanao and Cebu, were overwhelmed at the reception they met at the pier on arrival, and more than one tear was shed, tears of joy, at the sight of the school children on the line of march waving a greeting to the almost legendary fighting men for whom they had prayed.

The liberation and safe return was due to the good prayers of the loved ones of the fighting men. As the veteran senior chaplain stated it: "The Lord was good to us."....

And we in turn hope to imitate that example. Nothing is too good for these men who have come back to us.



A hearty welcome is extended to the following nurses who joined the staff during the past week: From overseas—and newly assigned here are 2nd Lieutenants **Lillian M. Edmuntowicz** and **Myrtle E. Elkins.** Second Lieutenant **Addie R. Richards** is the new recruiting nurse and comes to LGH from Birmingham General Hospital.

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'Being athletic—and keeping fit'—seems to take on a little serious note with the nurses on the staff here lately. First Lieutenants **Greta VanderValk, Esther M. Weniger** and **Mary M. Casey;** also 2nd Lieutenants **Bertha B. Koopmans, Audrey J. Williams** and **Eileen Badgett** have really gotten 'that way' over bowling.

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A sight to behold must have been 2nd Lieutenant **Ethel S. Madden's** expression when an M.P. approached her at the Presidio last week and in uncertain terms informed her that she could not take pictures on the military reservation.

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Knittin'—and could be for Britain—is 1st Lieutenant **Mary E. Tyrrell** and 2nd Lieutenant **Rebecca Amend.** Both nurses seem to be taking the art very seriously—and devoting all their spare time to it.

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The cadet nurses' office reports the arrival of 54 new cadets during the past week. Of this group 22 were assigned for temporary duty at Dibble General Hospital where they will study plastic surgery nursing.

Miss **Betty Spry** and Miss **Jean Pollack** of LGH, with their instructor, 1st Lieutenant **Evelyn Barbier,** paid a visit to Dibble during the past week to tour the plastic surgery facilities.

Old Timers Leave

Once again the powers that be have gone into deep thought with themselves and come out with orders shifting members of the Letterman staff. On this occasion two of the "veterans" were designated for other bases of operations.

Lieut. Colonel George C. Shivers has been on duty at Letterman since January, 1941 with most of his service at the Medical Technicians' School until that organization was inactivated in December last. The colonel goes to a new hospital at Fort Riley, Kans.

Major Sidney N. Tucker has been Chief of the Communicable Diseases section here so far back that the mind of man runneth not to the contrary. He reported for active duty on 4 February 1941 and stayed with us until he left this week for a new station at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Both officers carry with them the best wishes for success at their new stations.

Send Easter Messages Now

Families and friends of men overseas are urged to mail their Easter greetings as soon as possible. Army Postal Service facilities are overloaded, and about 45,000,000 individual pieces of mail are being sent overseas each week. With Easter a short time off, it's time to start. Be sure to address greeting with soldier's full name, rank, serial number, etc., to insure swift delivery. In the case of Easter greetings only, use a sealed envelope and a three cent stamp. For all personal correspondence, remember to keep using V-mail.

Purple Hearts Conferred upon Two Officers

The Commanding General of Letterman Hospital, on March 6 in his office conferred the Order of the Purple Heart upon two officer patients.

First Lieutenant Stanley W. Pikor, Infantry, of Hamtramck, Michigan, received the award for wounds sustained in action at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on December 22, 1944.

Second Lieutenant Kenneth H. Kelsen, Infantry, of Washington, D. C., also won his award for wounds acquired at Leyte on December 11, 1944.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 11, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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tired Army chaplain, now living in Portland, and she was married to Mr. James N. Pardew in 1936 in Manila. Her telephone call to her parents in Portland was the highlight of the return for her. Her sister answered the call and had a chance to prepare mother for the message of a safe arrival.

The program of the evening for the vets included a trip to the Stage Door Canteen in San Francisco. A bus load took off for that popular spot and none of the men knew what a stage door canteen might be; there was none in Cabanatuan or Bilibid.

Other events on the calendar in the days ahead are a ceremony in the Letterman patio on Sunday morning when decorations will be awarded to several of the patients and on Monday there will be a civic reception at the City Hall following a parade up Market Street from the Ferry Buliding. The Mayor will greet the returned vets and there will also be an address by Dr. Henry F. Grady, chairman of the Citizens' Committee. Medalions will will be presented to each of the men and the ceremony will conclude with a luncheon at the Palace Hotel.

The Yellow Cab Company has offered free taxi service to any man wearing that medalion, while the moving picture theatres will open their doors to the same. San Francisco—the City that Knows How—will demonstrate that it doesn't forget what the Battling B-----s of Bataan have given for their country.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



JOHN W. LAVERTY, Private, Medical Det.

Though he calls Salt Lake City, Utah, his home at present—Private John W. Laverty is 'Our Buck of the Week,' and originally hails from Estavan, Canada—where he remained for just a short time. When he was old enough to go to school, his family moved to Colorado, where a portion of his education was received but the greater part during the time he was in Salt Lake. With book learning completed he went to work with a lumber company and through diligent effort and fine work he was eventually transferred to the Pocatello, Idaho branch and placed in charge of the distribution warehouse there.

This work was brought to a halt suddenly just one year ago on the 13th of March—when he received notification from his draft board and Uncle Sam desired his services in the armed forces. Induction preliminaries were taken care of at Fort Douglas—and then he was quickly carried off by train to Camp Roberts, Calif., where he received his basic training with the infantry. However, upon completion of his basic—it was decided that he would perhaps, make a good medic. And so he was sent to Fort Lewis where he received his medical basic training.

When his medical corps training was accomplished he was sent here to Letterman—just one week ago—and has been working on Ward D-2 performing the duties of corpsman.

The private hasn't decided whether he likes duty here at LGH or not, but he very definitely likes San Francisco. This is due to the fact that his parents reside here. However, his wife is still in Salt Lake.

Private Laverty will not remain in San Francisco after the war—nor does he intend to return to Salt Lake. He hopes to return to his job with the lumber company—and get in a little fishing and hunting trip occasionally. And we can tell it will be so.

AMONG SIX THOUSAND AMPUTATIONS ONLY ONE TRIPLICATE IN THIS WAR

Amputation cases in the United States Army reached a total of 6,027 as of January, 1945, including one triplicate case, the first known in either this war or in the World War, according to a report by Brigadier General Fred W. Rankin, Chief Consultant in Surgery, Office of the Surgeon General.

There are no "basket" cases, the term used to denote loss of all four limbs, General Rankin emphasized. Nor were any reported during the entire course of the World War.

Corporal Ralph A. Brown, of Youngstown, Ohio, is the one triplicate case and is now undergoing treatment at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D. C. His legs have been amputated at midthigh and his right arm, just above the wrist. Wounded in action, he also suffered compound fractures of the left arm.

A tank gunner with the Sixth Armoured Division in France, he was assigned to his company commander's tank on a patrol mission last September. As the patrol made its way through enemy-held ground, it came across two ammunition trucks behind a farmhouse.

The patrol successfully blasted the trucks, but the Germans immediately picked up their range, scoring a direct hit on the tank. As the tank stalled Brown was pinned to the floor but was rescued in a matter of seconds by his buddies who drove him, in a jeep, to a battalion aid station. In a hospital in France for a few weeks, he was then taken to England and later evacuated by air to the United States.

"The fact that Brown is alive, and that the same is true of most of these amputees, is due largely to the whole blood given them and the expert surgery performed so promptly," General Rankin declared. "The use of penicillin and sulfa drugs, is, of course, an adjunct to expert surgery. Our efficient evacuation of the wounded is another factor in the saving of lives at the front."

In the World War, there was a total of 4,403 amputation cases. Of the 6,027 cases in this war, 331 represent double amputations, that is loss of two limbs. Loss of two arms, or one arm and one leg puts the casualty in the 'double" class. The remainder, or 5,695, are soldiers with one arm or one leg lost.

Of the total number, approximately 2,000 cases have been treated at one of six Army General Hospitals, specializing in amputation cases, and returned to civilian life. The hospitals include: Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C.; Lawson General, Atlanta, Georgia; Percy Jones General, Battle Creek, Michigan; England General, Atlantic City, New Jersey; McCloskey General, Temple, Texas, and Bushnell General, Brigham City, Utah.

Before discharge, each man is individually fitted with a custom-made prosthesis and taught complete use of his artifical limb. Only when he is able to care for himself and take his place in the civilian world is he released from Army jurisdiction and medical care.



THE SURGEON GENERAL LOOKS at a home-made prosthesis fashioned by Pfc. John Cody, of Faribault, Minn., who was wounded in action on 12 April 1942 at Corregidor, was recently released from Bilibid.

ON THE SPOT



ALYMER R. COOK, Private, Infantry

Featured 'On the Spot' this week is Private Alymer R. Cook, who wouldn't let a broken hand keep him out of combat when he got close to it, so he removed a cast from his left hand and went in with the third wave.

"They tried to make me stay behind when I busted my hand in the last invasion practice before we hit Palau Islands," he said, and he went into combat and saw plenty of it on Angaur and Peleliu, before going out of action with a broken right arm and leg injuries on October 17—a month later.

"We had a couple of 'sake runs' the first night," he continued, "but most of it was digging and blowing them out of caves. That first night we dug in on a rise, right at the edge of a cliff. About 10 o'clock we heard them forming below the cliff, and then they came up over it and around it. They were so 'liquored up' on sake that you could actually smell them for yards before they got to you. They tried two of these charges that night but never broke through on us. We had some casualties but nothing like what the Japs lost."

After five days on Angaur, he said his regiment went over to Peleliu, where help was needed. "The worst we hit there," he went on to say, "was Bloody Nose Ridge. It was one of five little ridges known as the Five Brothers. The Japs had the area in between them covered with machinegun fire from caves. And one cave had 140 Japs in it."

Private Cook with two other men were moving along a ledge on the ridge when a Jap machinegun opened fire on them. His two friends were killed but the private dived off the ledge and started rolling, breaking his right arm and tearing one knee on a sharp piece of coral.

He has been with the same company in the 81st Infantry Division since joining it for basic training.

MEDICAL DETACH

Furloughs are still the order of the day and the following men received them during the week: Sergeant Charles G. Dietz, Tech. 4th Grade Richard N. Freeman and Tech. 4th Grade Arthur A. Johnson — each with 25 days; Private William Dunham, Corporal William E. Taylor, Tech. 5th Grade J. P. Wilson, Tech. 5th Grade John Stephanick and Tech. 5th Grade Frances DeWayne, who each received 23 days; Sgt. Robert J. Bement, Tech. 5th Grade Ralph V. Hyde and Private William A. Rasnic, also Private Louis D. Marcoux and John W. Lightner—21 days; Private Floyd A. Heedick—19 days; Tech. 5th Grade Carmen J. Minard and Bernard Siegel — 18 days; Privates Albert D. Clemmer and Chester C. Mesen—17 days; Sergeant Byron S. Hutchinson and Privates Lemert W. Norris, Nelson Tonelli, Kenneth W. Howland—each got 15 days.

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A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week Sergeants James R. Iannone, Joseph C. Riddle, George C. Baroa, Privates Jim N. Brewer, James D. McDonald, Lloyd M. Shriner, Elbert R. Fortner, Edward J. Gianoli, Everett D. Rasmussen, George G. Young, Ira S. Hults, John W. Laverty, George G. Young, Anton J. Strangio and Myrtland LaVarre, a WAC.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. Robert V. Jacobs in his new office—down in the basement of the Receiving Office.

Tech. 4th Grade Edward Chilgren —punching out pills by the thousands these days with the new punching machine recently acquired in the pharmacy.

S/Sgt. Leonard P. Bell getting his daily exercise—running back and forth from work.

The way Pvt. Benjamin Weitz is mourning over the death of his beloved dog—Begal.

Members of the detachment going through the gas masks drill one day last week and still knowing how to take them on and off in 'jig time.'

SKILL, PATIENCE AND EXPERIENCE ESSENTIALS IN THIS LADY'S WORK



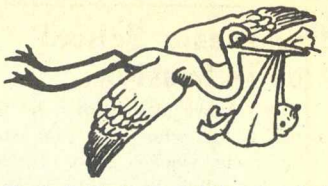
Miss ESTHER MARIE AGUADO
Head Occupational Therapist

Occupational therapy may look like merely fun to the casual observer, but the training necessary to make a successful occupational therapist means years of study, and the results of the work are both important and far reaching. The regained coordination in injured muscles and renewed self-confidence acquired by doing creative work plays an important part in the reconditioning of the veteran.

For Miss Esther Marie Aguado, head occupational therapist at Letterman Hospital, years of study and work are in back of the fine record she has made here. Miss Aguado trained in the St. Louis School of Occupational Therapy and Recreation, in her home town of St. Louis. The course includes two years of academic and craft work and a year in clinical field work. Her clinical work was with children suffering from tuberculosis and mental ailments. Following her training Miss Aguado was employed at the State University in Oklahoma City, working with children under Dean Patterson, former surgeon general.

Miss Aguado came to Letterman on July 5, 1941, as an O.T. aid. For two and one half years she worked in the shop in ward S-1, before moving to the main shop as head occupational therapist. Her own personal pets in the creative field are leather and lucite work. By way of a busman's holiday, in her spare time she likes to make purses, album and book covers. Avocations for the young lady are mostly in the line of sports, which include ping-pong, badminton and basketball. She played forward on the Galileo basketball team during their championship year. She also plays "at" the piano, she tells us. But we have a strong suspicion that she does that, like most things, well.

The newest addition to the equipment of the shop, the miniature railroad, she tells us, continues to be an unending source of amusement and pleasure to the patients, and incidentally, the officers of the staff.



To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **Guy Holman** a son, Guy Holman III; born 1 March; weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To Sergeant and Mrs. **Marvin West** a daughter, Carol Ann; born 28 February; weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. **Kenneth Berkson** a son, Jeffery Alex; born 27 February; weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To Private and Mrs. **Joe Gurnsey** a daughter, Darlene Frances; born 27 February; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To Tech. 5th Gr. and Mrs. **Gordon Flinn** a daughter, Naidi Carole; born 1 March; weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Clement Travers** a daughter, Myrna Marilyn; born 25 February; weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. **Elmer Newington** a son, Dennis Michael; born 2 March; weight 8 pounds 11 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. **Preston Betz** a daughter, Edith Betz; born 2 March; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Charles Abbott** a son, Charles Winfield, Jr.; born 3 March; weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Laurence Dowden** a daughter, Patricia Marie; born 3 March; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. **Paul March** a daughter, Margaret Marion; born 26 February; weight 7 pounds.

To Captain and Mrs. **Eugene Duckro** a son, Eugene Richard, Jr.; born 24 February; weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. **Walter Dodge** a daughter, Susan Holly; born 2 March; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Raymond Stull** a daughter, Barbara Jean; born 27 February; weight 5 pounds 3 ounces.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances, March 17th and 31st at 9:00 p.m., which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco.

Cars No. 1 or No. 4 will take you direct to Arguello Boulevard, and Junior Hostesses will be on hand to welcome you.

Anesthesia School Now in Session

Eleven Army lieutenants in the Medical Corps who have just completed a six weeks' indoctrination course at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, arrived at Letterman General Hospital in the Presidio of San Francisco to attend a special 12 weeks' course in anesthetics. The course which began on the 22nd of February will consist of lectures on physiology, anatomy, treatment of shock, anesthesia and administration of anesthetics. The training will be under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Charles F. McCuskey, MC, Chief of the Anesthesia and Operation Section, assisted by Major Thomas A. Broderick, MC; Captain John F. Rhodes, MC; First Lieutenant John B. Dillon, MC, and Lieutenant Elihu Saklad, MC.

The lieutenants who are receiving the instruction include: Lieutenant Erwin E. Addy, MC, of Canton, Texas, graduate of Southwestern Medical College; Lieutenant William E. Bishop, MC, of Mearn, Arizona, graduate of Northwestern Medical School; Lieutenant Houston M. Burk, MC, of Menard, Texas, graduate of Southwestern Medical College; Lieutenant John E. Cann, MC, of Greensboro, North Carolina, graduate of Duke University; Lieutenant Clarence J. Christenson, MC, of Salt Lake City, Utah, graduate of University of Tennessee Medical School; Lieutenant John R. Harris, Jr., MC, of Ada, Oklahoma, graduate of Baylor Medical School; Lieutenant Walter F. Hart, MC, of Tyler, Texas, graduate of Baylor Medical School; Lieutenant Robert H. Kirkpatrick, MC, of San Antonio, Texas, graduate of University of Tennessee Medical School; Lieutenant Robert E. Lucy, MC, of Wynne, Arkansas, graduate of the University of Arkansas Medical School; Lieutenant George T. James, MC, of Fort Worth, Texas, graduate of Southwestern Medical College, and Lieutenant Henry W. Dodge, MC, of New York City, graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia.

Twins

Twin boys arrived at Dante Annex on Tuesday for Mrs. Oscar F. Nolan, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Oscar F. Nolan, who was accidentally drowned 12 November 1944 while on a hunting trip in Marin County. Col. Nolan had been Chief of the Urological Service at Letterman for three years.

MEET MAJOR MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR VETERANS' MAGNIFICENT MOLARS



Major LLOYD E. LINEHAN, D.C.

It's a great load off our minds to meet a man in the Dental Corps who goes in for active sports as a hobby. We always assume that when he has another outlet for his vigor, it will make life much easier for us in the torture chair.

Such a one is Major Lloyd Edward Linehan, of the Letterman Hospital dental branch. And we are reassured because, in addition to the fact that he uses his strong-arm tactics on golf, trout fishing and gardening, his preference in his own work is dental practice with children. Our experience is that any man who can keep a child quiet under the application of the drill really has something.

Major Linehan, who is a native San Franciscan, came to Letterman on September 13, 1943 as a captain, for his first assignment. His official title here is chief of operative section. On February 13 of this year, he received his well-deserved majority. The thirteenth, incidentally, has been an important date in the major's life. Early in his school days he, with 12 others, decided that they would like to make dentistry a career. The 13 went through with this resolve. Major Linehan was graduated from the University of California College of Dentistry in 1925 on May 13. He likes Army life, and finds that contrary to the old cliche that people only appreciate what they pay for, military personnel have been the most appreciative of any for whom he has worked.

The major has quite a distinguished list of achievements to his credit in civilian life. He is the past president of the San Francisco District Dental Society; past president of the University of California Dental Alumnae Association, and the incumbent secretary of the California State Dental Association for the past three years.

Far be it from us to impugn a man's veracity, but in connection with our interview with Major Linehan an amusing incident occurred which we pass on to you for what it is worth. The Letterman newsboy, delivering an evening paper in our office, seeing the major sitting there, immediately and with fearful eyes, started to back out of the room. It took all our pursuasive powers to coax him in far enough to get the paper from him. The newsboy is one of the major's patients.

Ceiling Price is Placed on Clothing Alterations

Maximum dollar-and-cent charges established May 5, 1944, in the San Diego, California area for alterations and repairs to the military uniforms of enlisted men are being extended to other areas of the Pacific Coast, with a few minor revisions, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

This action, effective March 3, 1945, will extend specific ceilings on these services by tailors to the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas in California, the Portland area in Oregon, the Tacoma and Seattle areas in Washington, and a number of less important areas in those three states.

Specifically, the ceilings will be applicable in the counties of San Diego, Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano and Marin in California; the counties of Multnomah, Clatsop, Tillamook, Benton, Linn, Umatilla, Deschutes, Coos, Jackson and Klamath in Oregon, and the counties of Clark, King, Kitsap and Pierce in Washington.

The establishment of specific dollar-and-cent ceilings in the San Diego area has proved effective in controlling these tailoring charges, and, as surveys disclose excessive charges being made in other Pacific Coast areas, with enforcement difficult under the prevailing March 1942 "freeze" ceilings, the specific ceilings are now extended to these areas.

Excluded from the ceilings are alterations and repairs made at the time uniforms are sold.

All tailors subject to the new ceilings are required to post them conspicuously. No extra charges can be made for quick service.

For sailor blue uniforms there are 28 listed ceilings, ranging all the way from 25 cents for machine sewing of new stars on the uniform to $5.00 for changing undress jumpers to dress jumpers where all necessary operations are performed.

For Marine and Army enlisted men's uniforms there are 24 listed ceilings, ranging from 25 cents for sewing on chevrons to $2.50 for shortening a Marine dress coat.

Jefferson Barracks, Mo. (CNS) —Pvt. Hilton J. Wilson, 18, was in a hurry to get through his Army classification test. He finished in record time with a record score of 161.

Sad Sacks Sinking

The see-sawing "Sad Sacks" once again went down the ladder of victory two rungs when they lost two out of three games last Friday in the General Kell's League to the Western Defense Command team at the Mason Alleys.

The Medics started off in good form as they won the first game by 21 pins from the WDC five. However, in the second game, the WDC bowlers settled down to a more serious frame of mind and came out in front in this game of the series by 47 pins. Then in the third and decisive game of the series the WDC continued to pour it on the medicine men and won this frame by 72 pins—consequently taking the series.

High scoring honors for this contest went to Pearse of the Command team who had total pinnage of 619 and he was also the only man to make a 600 series.

The Letterman team is now in fifth place after this defeat and the WDC team in fourth place. However, the Sad Sacks are still close to the top as Fort Scott is leading the league by a slim margin of three games and Letterman is only six games out of first place.

Following are the results of last Friday's games:

LETTERMAN				
Sterr	157	151	155	463
Wililams	127	122	149	398
Yohe	167	186	213	566
Marano	210	218	158	586
Kuntz	196	133	170	499
Total	857	810	845	2512
WDC				
Pearce	215	193	211	619
Richardson	136	115	140	391
Sucese	167	223	175	565
Mosier	163	165	192	520
Becker	155	167	199	511
Total	836	863	917	2606

Following is the status of all the teams in the league:

Team	Played	Games Won	Lost	Total Pinnage	Avg.	High Game	High Series
Scott	12	9	3	10630	885	970	2822
Mason	12	7	5	10488	874	958	2736
Presidio	12	7	5	10311	859	966	2690
WDC	12	7	5	10273	856	917	2616
Letterman	12	6	6	10383	856	958	2717
Knight	12	5	7	9937	828	879	2555
McDowell	12	4	8	9981	831	924	2569
Stoneman	12	3	9	10036	836	907	2605

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of Mar. 12 to Mar. 19

MONDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Stage Show	SSO	1830	YMCA
Open House with Refreshments and Girl Hostesses	ARC	1900	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Wards
Movie "Sing Neighbor Sing" Roy Akoff & His Band	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—Musical Bingo	ARC	1330	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—Truth or Consequences	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Objective Burma" Errol Flynn	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Variety Show	SSO	1830	YMCA
FRIDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Preesnts KPO Favorites—Glenn & Dorothy Hurlbert	SSO	1400	Ward S-1
SATURDAY—Feature Movie	RECON	1400	YMCA
Movie "Yellow Rose of Texas" Roy Rogers	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—Social Time in the Lobby with Jr. Hostesses	RECON	1330	YMCA
String Trio—Evelyn, Beth and Katie with vocalist	SSO	1830	YMCA
Movie "Yellow Rose of Texas" Roy Rogers	SSO	1830	Rec. Hall

ARMY AT WAR SHOW TO BE HERE

With 150 paintings and drawings by prominent American artists assigned to combat areas throughout the world, the dramatic "Army at War" exhibition will be presented at the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park for two weeks beginning March 18.

The pictures were assembled by a national committee working with the Treasury and War Departments, headed by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. They are graphic reproductions of actual combat scenes.

Continuing a nationwide tour planned, according to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, to "inspire a proud determination in all Americans to become an active part of this war, in every possible way," the pictures will be circulated in the Pacific Coast. They have already been shown in the Middle Western and Eastern cities.

The paintings depict American fighting men in Africa, the Pacific, England, Alaska, Aleutians, Brazil and Italy. Artists represented in the show include George Biddle, Aaron Bohrod, Howard Cook, Sergeant Olin Dows, Sergeant Albert Gold, Joe Jones, Edward Laning, Sergeant Jack Levine, Carlos Lopec, Reginald Marsh, Ogden Pleissner, Henry Varnum Poor, Sergeant Mitchell Siporin, Lieutenant Rudolph Von Ripper, Sergeant Manuel Bromberg, Sergeant Harrison Standley, Corporal Frank Duncan, Lieutenant Edward Reep and Sergeant Savo Radulovich.

Information

To help simplify the return of service men and women to civilian life, American Trust Company has issued a 24-page Veteran's Manual which interprets the Service Men's Readjustment Act of 1944 (more commonly known as the "G.I. Bill of Rights") and other legislation affecting veterans.

Prepared by the bank's Veteran's Service Department, the booklet answers questions such as these: Can I get my old job back? What if I want a new job? How about getting a Government job? What about my schooling? How can I get a loan to buy a farm, a home, a business? What must I do to get my personal affairs in order?

This booklet is written in a concise understandable form and is designed primarily for service personnel while they are still in military service. Copies of the Manual are obtainable at the American Trust Company's Presidio Banking Facility and they are available to all service personnel, free of charge.

Big Basketball Game

Tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Kezar Pavilian there will be one of the greatest basketball attractions offered this year in San Francisco when the Twentieth Century Fox cagers meet the San Francisco All-Stars in a contest which will feature six All-American players. On the Twentieth Century team there are such luminaries as Frank Lubin and Carl Knowles, former UCLA All-Americans, Mylo Komenich, All-American from the University of Wyoming and many other college stand outs.

On the San Francisco squad there will be Tee Conolly, an All-American from the University of Oklahoma, John Abramovic, the only player to top Hank Lusetti's intercollegiate scoring record, Captain Bunny Edwards formerly of the University of Missouri and Sergeant Lou Slott, former UCLA cager—both of Letterman.

At 7:30 p.m. there will be a top notch preliminary game between Lincoln High School, San Francisco's outstanding Prep team and an all-star squad comprised of the best players from all other local high schools.

To make the evening complete—the Alameda Coast Guard Band will be on hand to entertain during the brief lulls of the game.

Letterman patients will be the honored guests for the evening and there will be transportation furnished for them which will leave the Red Cross Recreation center at 7:00 p.m.

Military personnel desiring to go may also leave with the patients. There will be a charge of 75 cents admission for any other man or woman who wish to attend.

Twins Don't Look Alike

Grafton, Mass. (CNS) — CPO John O'Bara and his brother Frank are twins but you'd never guess it. John is six feet tall, weighs 180 pounds. Frank is four feet tall, weighs 95 pounds.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Former Letterman Soldier Receives High Award Here

The men who came back from the "March of Death," the men who survived the tortures of the tunnel on Corregidor, the men who braved the beatings of the Japanese prison camps—all were the honored guests of the citizens of San Francisco at ceremonies at the City Hall and later at a luncheon in the Palace Hotel on Monday afternoon of this week.

They arrived from overseas on last Thursday amid great acclaim and were on the honor list of the patients at Letterman from that time. On Friday they were examined by the medical staff and new issues of uniform and clothing provided. Later in the day the gentlemen of the press moved in for stories and interviews and the home town boys were asked questions for the home town newspapers.

On Sunday morning in the sunny patio of the hospital the Commanding General presided at ceremonies at which awards were made for bravery and recognition given in tangible form to those who had been wounded in action. The program opened with an invocation by the reverend senior chaplain of the Philippine Department, Colonel Alfred C. Oliver, Jr., the man who stayed with the troops until the surrender and then went with them into captivity. There was a solemn silence as he gave thanks for their deliverance and prayed they might always live up to the honored position to which their achievements had elevated them in estimation of their fellow citizens of the nation.

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General of Letterman, told the men that the country had followed them through the war and imprisonment, had read of their suffering, starvation, and disease, and paid them this tribute:

"We are filled with pride at your determination, courage and will, at the bravery of your comrades in arms who effected your release. We share in the pride of the American people for what you have accomplished."

The Commanding General then presented awards to five officers and one enlisted man, the latter being Pfc. Lawrence C. Hall, former Letterman soldier, who left this station in 1941 to go to the Philippines. Pfc., now Cpl. Hall, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for going through Japanese fire to reach and aid a fallen comrade on Bataan. The citation for this deed concluded with these words: "The heroic display of unselfish courage in the face of terrific hazards provided a vital example and inspiration to the en-

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FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

For gallantry above and beyond the line of duty, Cpl. Lawrence C. Hall, Medical Dept., receives the Distinguished Service Cross from Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, at ceremonies in the Letterman patio on Sunday last.

Letterman Overflow Cared for at Two Temporay Annexes

Additional proof of the need for more space if Letterman is to accomplish the task assigned to it by the War Department was demonstrated by the overflow crowd of patients received here over the past week end.

Construction now under way at the Crissy Field Annex precluded use of that facility and it was necessary for the Commanding General to call on our good neighbors in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco for assistance in the solution of the problem. Colonel A. E. Rowland, Commanding Officer SCU 1932, immediately extended his cooperation in making available the use of vacant buildings at Fort Cronkhite and 1000 patients were housed there during the period.

Colonel Rowland, with his officers and men, lent valauble aid in the project of making the patients comfortable, and made the task of the Letterman personnel relatively light. Lieut. Colonel Robert L. Whitfield, Jr., MC, was designated as Assistant Executive Officer in Charge, and he had a staff of Medical and Medical Administrative Officers to assist Lieut. Colonel Algot R. Nelson, MC, commanding the Hospital Train Unit, made available commissioned and enlisted personnel from his command, and Miss Gloria Rich organized a corps of Gray Ladies and Social Workers to look after the welfare problems. Major Lester J. Sawyer moved part of his Reconditioning Division across the bay and it was soon functioning very smoothly.

In addition to the buildings occupied at Fort Cronkhite our patients were overflowing into the buildings on the Presidio. These buildings had

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MORE ABOUT EX-LETTERMAN SOLDIER

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tire personnel of his organization."

Cpl. Hall is well remembered as a member of the Medical Detachment here and his quiet, reticent demeanor gave no indication to his contemporaries of former days of the inner courage that prompted his brave deed.

Others decorated at the ceremonies were Major Robert E. Sly, who received the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action; Lieut. Colonel John B. Borneman, Chaplain, the oak leaf cluster for the Purple Heart in lieu of a second award; Lieut. Colonel Emil P. Reed, MC, the Purple Heart, and Lt. Mary B. Menzie, the Purple Heart.

The band of the Western Defense Command, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Lynn Decker, opened and closed the program with appropriate musical selections.

On Monday afternoon a caravan of motor cars, headed by the car flying the starred flag of General Hillman, moved out from Letterman to the Ferry Building, and thence up Market Street to the Civic Center, where Mayor Lapham and Dr. James F. Grady, chairman of the Citizens ..nmittee, made the official speeches of welcome after the program opened with an invocation by the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco. Formal presentation of the first of the medallions was made to Cpl. Alfred C. Jolley, a son of San Francisco, and the meeting adjourned to the Palace Hotel for luncheon.

At that point in the ceremonies the Bobby Sox Brigade took over and bested the cordon of San Francisco police who were on hand to keep order. There was a wild scramble to get a close view of the heroes of the day and it was with great difficulty that the men were extricated from the mob and placed in motor cars for the ride to the hotel.

A steak dinner had been provided for the honored guests and the members of their families who had come to the city to extend a personal welcome. Brief remarks were made during the luncheon by Major General H. C. Pratt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command, Major General Clarence H. Kells, Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, Rear Admiral Arthur C. Wright, and Dr. James F. Grady. Medallions were later presented to the men, and with that token went tickets for free taxi rides, cards for admission to any theatre in San Francisco, and other privileges extended by the citizenry to their honored guests.



Master Sergeant GEORGE DISTEL, Med. Dept. Liberated at Cabanatuan with little room left on his sleeve for his collection of service ribbons.

On Tuesday morning a group of five men were selected to play a part in a movie now in production and the quintet was flown to Los Angeles in a plane of the Air Transport Command. The participants in that flight were Cpl. Alfred C. Jolley, Sgt. Max M. Greenberg, Cpl. Lawrence C. Hall, Cpl. Jesus Santos, and Cpl. Virgil H. Greenaway, and they will be seen in the movie—"The Invisible Army" soon to be released by RKO Radio Pictures.

When the camera had ceased to turn the host of the day, Mr. William Gordon of RKO, took them on a tour of the studio. They had pictures taken with Joan Davis and Leon Errol, and had a chance to chat with Eddie Cantor and George White, the creator of the well known "Scandals" of stage and screen. They came back to Letterman that same evening with dreams of being movie stars some day.

Two other men were also in Los Angeles on that day in connection with a war production program. They were Tech. Sgt. David Chavez and Sgt. William C. Seckinger. The high light of their visit was a seat beside Edgar Bergen at dinner in the evening.

One visitor who came in very quietly and yet had a personal acquaintance with more of the liberated prisoners than anyone else present was Major Samuel C. Grashio, who was himself a prisoner of the Japs and who made the "March of Death" but lived to escape and tell the world about it. He declined a place on the speakers' stand and just walked about chatting with the officers and men who came back. He was most happy about the release of his particular chum of prison days—Major Bert Bank, and they had plenty to talk about.

Curley Grieve of the San Francisco "Examiner" and Jack Greer, of the USO, came back again with a group of friends well known in the sports world. Heading the group was the famous Raymond "Ty" Cobb, and with him Tony Lazzeri, Edward "Slip" Madigan, Willie Kamm, "Babe" Pinelli, and several of the local luminaries.

Another detachment of the liberated prisoners from Cabanatuan and Bilibid are expected to arrive the end of the week.

Ask The Chaplain

Friends and relatives seeking information regarding Army personnel were advised today by Ninth Service Command Chaplain J. L. Blakeney to address comunications to "The Chaplain" of the soldiers' organization to assure prompt reply.

He explained that the practice of adressing such letters, relative to the spiritual and physical welfare of servicemen, to a particular chaplain by name frequently results in considerable delay in furnishing the requested information.

Chaplains are often transferred and all personally addressed letters are forwarded to their new assignment points, a place where they may no longer have personal contact with the serviceman in question.

Frequently arriving at Colonel Blakeney's Fort Douglas, Utah headquarters now are such letters addressed personally to him in the European Theater of Operations where he served many months ago. These must be returned to "The Chaplain" of the soldiers' organization overseas for action, causing long delay and anxiety.

Letters addressed to "The Chaplain" at the serviceman's last known military address are routed to the chaplain nearest the soldier, whether he is assigned to duty in this country or overseas, the NSC Chaplain declared.

Washington (CNS)—One thousand two hundred and fifty nine postmen were bitten by dogs last year, according to vital statistics released by the Post Office Department.

Westfield, N. J. (CNS)—A local resident saw bear tracks. His hair stood up, his eyes bugged out, his blood froze, he screamed "Cop!" Police organized a posse, tracked their quarry 3 days, finally cornered it in a cave. Then out walked the "bear"—a great big, sleepy-eyed mild mannered English shepherd dog with shaggy paws.

MEDICAL DETACH

Furloughs were issued during the past week to the following members of the detachment: Pvt. William A. Clore—with 25 days; Sgt. John Y. James, and Pvts. Frank E. Ballard, Verlyl G. Shervino, and Pvt. Frank J. Birringer, each with 23 days; Cpl. Benny V. Mathis, Cpl. Scott G. Ross and T/5th Gr. Baker B. Britton—who each received 21 days; T/4th Gr. Louis W. Stearns, with 20 days; T/3rd Gr. Jack B. Jacobs and Pvt. Herbert Eisenschmidt, each with 19 days; T/4th Gr. Wallace E. May and Pvt. Samuel Gersh each with 17 days.

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A hearty welcome is extended the following men and women who joined the detachment during the week: Cpl. Thomas G. Olsen, Pvts. Eudora B. Lombardi, WAC, Walter J. Schmidt, Alfred J. Slosberg, James E. Scrape, Harry W. Hill, Ruth M. Goodwin, WAC, and Virginia L. Hill, WAC.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. William Peavy, the newest kibitzer expert at the noon hour pinochle sessions.

The 'ways and means' of Pvt. Rene C. Iacomini to keep his pipe—puffing and huffing.

T/4th Gr. John K. Grimason—finding out that taxi drivers are not a reliable source to obtain localities.

The new technique for arm exercise—displayed by T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox. (He hits cards on the table.)

The good humor of Sgt. John W. Dean—in spite of hurry and scurry of these rush periods.

Pvt. Harry Agruss—walking up to the third floor at least three times a day. (Good for that waistline.)

M/Sgt. Fred C. Jacobs, our Sergeant Major, acquiring the nickname of 'Flash' for the way he hustles through his work.

New York (CNS) — Someone swiped $500,000 of cash from a department store window here. Only trouble was the money was printed on only one side. It had been placed in the window as a come-on for bond sales.

Southington, Conn (CNS) — A. E. Gomez, 80, has worn the same pair of pants for the last 45 years. He bought them in New York in 1899.

"WE THANK WHATEVER GODS MAY BE FOR THEIR UNCONQUERABLE SOULS"



Master Sergeant FREDERICK W. GUTH, Med. Dept.
Former Lettermanite liberated from Cabanatuan

One of the remarkable things we have noticed about the heroic men who have been liberated from the Jap prisons in the Philippines is the precious ability to cling to a sense of humor, however dry, about the miseries they faced so bravely. Master Sergeant Frederick W. Guth, one of the liberated prisoners and a former Lettermanite, aptly illustrates this quality. Captured on Corregidor in July, 1942, he was kept a short time in Bilibid and was moved from there to O'Donnell where he spent the rest of his imprisonment.

The most prolific form of life in the camp, much to his surprise, were the bedbugs, fleas and scorpions. The surprise was occasioned by the fact that he couldn't figure out how they managed to survive on the slim diet furnished by feeding on the painfully thin prisoners. "They only got practice," says the sergeant.

Sergeant Guth is not a youngster, but he has weathered his ordeal as well as any of the younger men. Fifty-two now, he enlisted in the Army in 1918 at Fort Riley, Kansas. With one break of a year his service has been continuous since that time. In 1920 he came to Letterman Hospital, serving in the Medical Corps, and remained at the hospital until in 1939 he was sent to the Philippine Islands. And now that he is again here, he hopes that the hospital will be his next assignment.

When the liberators finally came, the sergeant was in bed. He had no idea what the noise was all about, and with a smile in his bright blue eyes said he thought that "the Nips were just going to try a little machine-gun practice on us." After a barrage of shouts and a loud explosion, he heard a Filipino yell and knew that the guerrillas were in camp.

Stopping only to put on his shoes, he tore out of the barracks clad in his pajames, passing another man who hadn't stopped to bother with that much.

The sergeant brought back with him a consuming desire for a large piece of chocolate pie, which was partially satisfied on board the ship, but he is saving up a bit of that appetite for his sister's pastry, which is the "best in the world." And, we opine, that's none too good for any of our returned heroes.



To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. William Lappen a son, Bruce Charles; born 8 March; weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

To Major and Mrs. Thomas Faust a daughter, Mary Patricia; born 7 March; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Donald Hardy a daughter, Donna Lee; born 5 March; weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Walter Kemper a daughter, Karen Elise; born 9 March; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. John Flynn a daughter, Constance Gwen; born 6 March; weight 8 pounds 11 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. Richard Farmer a son, Thomas; born 5 March; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Harold Garrison a son, Edward Ray; born 5 March; weight 8 pounds 1 ounce.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. John Cohollan a son, Richard David; born 3 March; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Carl Norman a daughter, Sallie Linnea; born 4 March; weight 5 pounds 1 ounce.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Roger Fader a son, Daniel James; born 7 March; weight 7 pounds 2 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Faustine Krupansky a son, Joseph Anthony; born 7 March; weight 6 pounds 6 ounces.

To Sergeant and Mrs. Ernest Wells a daughter, Janice Louise; born 8 March; weight 6 pounds 11 ounces.

To Captain and Mrs. James McCall a son, Richard Owen; born 2 March; weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

MORE ABOUT LETTERMAN OVERFLOW

(Continued from Page 1)

been previously assigned for the use of the Letterman command—a foresight that was providential and highly valuable. The proximity of these buildings to the Letterman main hospital eliminated any duplication of facilities.

As we go to press the temporary annex at Cronkhite and that at the Presidio has been vacated.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

CO-OPERATION

A very splendid example of co-operation was demonstrated in recent days by the whole hearted assistance extended by the Commanding Officer of Service Command Unit 1932 in making provision for the housing of the overflow of patients received at this hospital.

We needed housing and that Commanding Officer had a surplus. He very graciously offered the use of his facilities and what might have been a serious problem was readily solved.

As an officer of the "Old Army" he still believes it is one Army, and the dividing line between military jurisdictions does not necessarily make "foreigners" of anyone beyond his boundary. As a Commanding Officer he has a paramount interest in the well being of enlisted men, and a deeper interest in those same men when they are hospital patients.

During the present war the Army has grown to proportions undreamed of a few years ago. With that growth has come a change in the way of doing things. It was inevitable with the new personnel being infused into the Army. Many of the characteristics common to the "Old Army" were lost in the expansion. We hated to have them submerged but we were helpless.

It is most refreshing to have as a neighbor the C. O. of SCU 1932 and we are grateful to him and his officers and men for the way they responded to our appeal for help.

It is a type of co-operation the Army needs and the lack of which cannot be easily defended.

1932 is a "Can Do" outfit.



A hearty welcome is extended to the following nurses who reported to LGH this week, for their first duty assignment with the corps after just completing their basic training at Fort Lewis: 2nd Lieutenants Elizabeth I. Carlson, Etta J. Underwood, Ethel M. Garrison, Betty J. McNamara, Dorothy J. Matheson and Madelin Prendergast.

Also to 2nd Lieutenants Betty F. Smith and Christine J. Griglak—greetings. Both nurses come here from Dante and now are permanently on the nursing staff of LGH.

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And here for temporary duty—for an indefinte period of time is 2nd Lieutenant Audrey F. Kent. Back to her old haunts, the lieutenant has been assigned to Dante and is only filling in as relief nurse in the surgical section.

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A fond farewell to 1st Lieutenant Evelyn Barbier who will take her leave tomorrow and report to Hammond General Hospital for duty as director of cadet nurses there. We will miss her smile—and the magazines which she has been contributing from time to time for the reading pleasure of the patients.

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Also 'adieu' and best wishes to 1st Lieutenant Mary M. Carey who will leave shortly for Fort Sill, Oklahoma . . . and then maybe, comes an ocean voyage.

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Interesting to see: 1st Lieutenants Elizabeth E. Foster and Virginia C. Sanderson—in the late afternoon, after a hectic day's work—having their pictures taken and totally unaware.

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'Back home again'—is Captain Lizzie Woods, whose obvious absence of three days was due to her work as acting chief nurse at Fort Cronkhite.

THE OBSERVER SAW

New silver bars on the shoulder loop of Lieut. **Elizabeth E. Reese,** our personable PRO—and congratulations are in order. At long last!!

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The theme song of the new LPW section—"Has anybody here seen Kelly?" The man of a thousand places.

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The special Information Office operated by the Red Cross volunteers answering hundreds of queries daily about our liberated prisoners of war.

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Lieut. Colonel **Eugene D. Mullins,** Public Relations Officer for the Ninth Service Command, practically joining our staff and helping no end with his broad experience in that particular field.

Mrs. **Donna Cannon** and Mrs. **Pat Moyles** foreswearing any more 24 hour tours of duty in the R & E Office.

Major **Leslie D. Snyder** very mum on the number of cigars smoked daily.

Lieut. Colonel **Charles F. McCuskey** wondering just what kind of an APO he will draw in the coming lottery.

A few of the new detachment of enlisted WACs reporting for duty.

And everybody very busy hereabouts.

San Francisco (CNS)—Women are taking over more men's jobs here every day. Recently a nifty little number walked into a downtown chow house, tickled the counterman's nose with a roscoe. "I'm a stickup man," she announced. The counterman gave her $30 from the cash register. She left immediately.

From overseas comes word—and a picture too—to prove that 'A good time was had by all'—at the birthday celebration of Lieut. Frances F. Dustin, formerly of the nursing staff here and now somewhere 'over there.'

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Also word from Lieut. Antonia M. Fasenmyer—and now she is located in a very fine general hospital in England.

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Lieut. Regina Burnett is spending a 21 day leave of absence in San Francisco—and most of it in sleeping. Says she has a lot to make up.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 18, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Letterman Gives A Fond Aloha to Popular Chaplain

Chaplain (Captain) Lester Lane McCammon, assistant chaplain at Letterman Hospital, took with him the best wishes of the Letterman staff when he departed March 14 for Camp Roberts.

Chaplain McCammon enlisted in the Army immediately after his graduation from Bethany College, West Virginia, at the outbreak of World War I, and following a four-month training period was sent to France. He spent a year in the European war theater before the Armistice brought a close to the first phase of his military service. Early in 1942 he again offered his services to the Army, and was called to active duty as a Chaplain, and commissioned a first lieutenant on January 2, 1943. After a month's training and study at Harvard University he was transferred to the Headquarters of the Ninth Service Command at Fort Douglas, and was assigned to duty at Letterman as assistant to the chief chaplain. He received his captaincy in January, 1944.

During his tour of duty at this hospital he made many friends, and we sincerely feel that Camp Roberts' gain is Letterman's loss.

Chicago (CNS) — Hugh Greer Carruthers, known as the Cum Bum of Lama to a number of cultists, has been convicted on charges of obtaining $289,000 through mail frauds in connection with his cultist activities. "He had a mystic way with money," said the State.

Dedham, Mass (CNS)—Grounds for divorce: Mrs. Laura Grimm sent her husband out to look for a job. He found one, all right—for her.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



GEORGE G. YOUNG,
Pvt., Med. Detach.

Featured as 'Buck of this Week' is Private George G. Young of the Medical Detachment, who hails from Meridian, Idaho. He received all of his education there before his family dcided to move to the west coast and settled in Los Angeles. It was in L. A. that our buck first went to work for a contracting company in the construction line and after 10 years established his own little enterprise.

In April of 1942 he was drafted into the Army, bringing to a halt—four years of a growing and prospering business. However, his post-war plans include a continuation of this work and the re-establishment of his own business.

When he first joined the Army—induction preliminaries were taken care of in Los Angeles—and there followed assignment to Camp Roberts, where he received his basic training. Immediately upon completion of his basic he was sent overseas to the Aleutian Islands. Life in the great Northwest was endured for 28 months—from July of 1942 until December 7 of 1944. Thus, that days holds more than one eventful occasion for remembrance for the private and he expressed the sentiment during the interview by saying—"that is a day I will never forget."

After his return from the bleak north he was reassigned at the redistribution center in Santa Barbara and sent here to LGH where he now performs the duties of corpsman on Ward 'G.'

Now when "the boys are home again—all over the world"—Private Young hopes to return to his home in Los Angeles and resume his work in the construction line as a contractor.

Unmarried—the private explains his contentment in his single status thus—"I am alone—free—and happy."

BUSINESS LOOKS OUT FOR THE HOME COMING VETERAN OF THIS WAR

"Gone but not forgotten," says American Industry to its men in service . . . and proves it by protecting his job status, boosting his morale with lively letters, and providing rehabilitation care for disabled veterans, declares an article in the March issue of CORONET magazine. But best of all, industry's "something for the boys" isn't a dole or a patronizing gesture . . . it's simply a recognition of a debt.

In the Bell Telephone System, the rights of all regular employees in military service are protected throughout their absence. They receive service credits for any total period of absence up to two years and for longer periods in accordance with their term of employment. To those employed for a year or more, the difference between company and government compensation is paid for three months. One of the nicest gestures of another organization, is the booklet distributed by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey to its men and women in service. It informs them that their job or a better one will be waiting . . . that on entering the service, they get two months' pay to help settle affairs, and thereafter, dependents receive the difference between their service pay and half of their old company salary.

There's scarcely a company without a program to keep in touch with its men in service. The company publication, for instance, may range from a few mimeographed pages to an elaborate magazine. But in every case it's designed to give the service man the feeling of still belonging. It tells about company activities, reproduces pictures of him in uniform, tells about his activities, lists addresses of other men in service with whom he might like to correspond.

As common as the company publication is, the emphasis is on letter writing. Many companies have even set up special letter writing departments. The R. J. Renolds Military Correspondence Department does nothing but write to employees in service. Personal, individual letters, including company news, department news, verbatim messages from friends, jokes and friendly gossip of interest only to the recipients are written periodically.

Meanwhile, Henry Ford has announced the opening of a 300-acre camp to serve as a rehabilitation center for disabled veterans. It will combine work on camp farm lands and in the camp machine shop with classes in supplementary subjects. Recreational counsels will direct exercise periods as well as entertainment. A medical check-up will be made every morning and necessary treatment provided. In addition, each man will receive three dollars a day in payment for his work on the farm, in the machine shop or on camp maintenance duties. He will remain in camp until he is mentally, physically and skillfully ready to take a job. When he leaves, he is under no obligation to work for the Ford Motor Co., but may if he wishes.

In Syracuse, labor and management are working together at the Continental Can Co. to make jobs available for all veterans.

ALL PERSONNEL AT HOSPITAL PLACED ON WORK PROGRAM

In line with the policies formulated at a February meeting of representatives of general and regional hospitals, Letterman Hospital has adopted a work measurement program' which was put into effect the first of March. Major Leslie D. Snyder, MAC, Control Officer, and Mr. Raymond Shine, Administrative Assistant to Major Snyder, attended the conference as Letterman representatives.

Work measurement is the means of making a check between distribution of personnel and work load.

To carry out the program successfully a chart has been devised that will acurately show the amount of work in each division and the personnel required to handle it. Each branch is required to make a daily report showing the work done and the personnel, both military and civilian, used to accomplish it. This information will be compiled in a monthly report and submitted to Army Service Forces Headquarters in Washington, D. C. A comparison will be made of like installations doing the same kind of work.

ON THE SPOT



JAMES P. BROCK,
Pfc., Inf.

There were many days of the same kind for doughboys of the 81st Infantry Division on Peleliu, and Pfc. James P. Brock of Dalton, Georgia, had taken part in them as a machinegunner—and we select him to put 'On the Spot' this week.

But October 25th, the day he was wounded and was last in action, was typical of his more than a month of combat, he said in an interview recently.

"We were keeping our machineguns hot," he declared, "firing into Jap positions on another hill. We had our guns emplaced on a hill that had been taken the day before and were giving support to the rifle platoons that were creeping forward against the Japs on the next hill.

"I was hit after I left my gun to help a sergeant carry telephone wire over to the next machinegun section. They were across on another knob from us.

"When we got in the 'dip' between our position and theirs, one of the Jap machineguns, about 150 yards away, opened up at us and caught me right in its line of fire. Several slugs hit me. I was lucky they were all in the same leg."

Aided by the sergeant, who had escaped being hit, he made his way across the top of the hill to the safety of the opposite slope, he said. The lower portion of his right leg was amputated in a field hospital that night, after an hour and a half trip on a litter.

Private Brock, who transferred to the Infantry after basic training in a Tank Destroyer unit at Camp Hood, Texas, has the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

Before entering the service, our 23-year-old hero workd for a lumber company in Dalton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brock of RFD No. 1, Dalton.

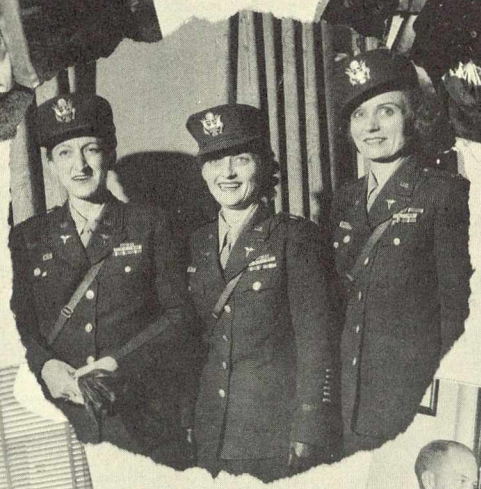
WELCOME HOME IS KEYNOTE OF WEEK AT LETTERMAN HOSPITAL



Decorated for Valor



Crowd at Civic ceremonies



Three little maids



The making of a movie with Letha



A personal letter from the President

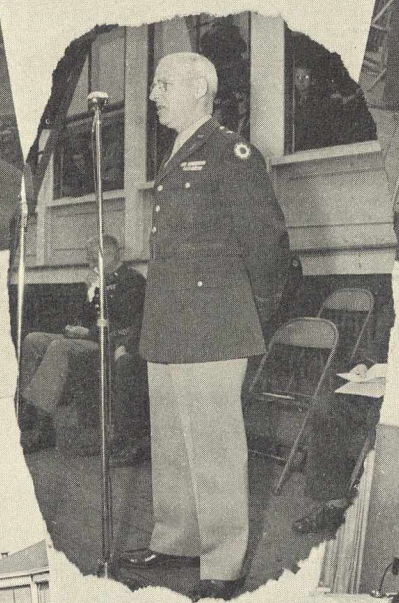
The Commanding General awards the Purple Heart



LIVELY DAYS AND NIGHTS AT LETTERMAN FOR RETURNED MEN



Nurses turn poster girls in war effort



Commanding General addressing men of Cabanatuan



Chaplain Oliver delivering invocation



Battered veterans of Bataan and Corregidor



First of the enlisted men to get back



Re-union at Letterman: officers and nurses meet again

Scent of Sad Sacks Ascends to Skies

The Letterman "Sad Sacks" are still continuing to approach the cellar in the General Ill league—when they lost two out of three games in a series last Friday night to the Presidio Bowlers at the series bowled at Mason Alleys.

The medics started off like a streak of lightning winning the first game by 96 pins. However, in the second game the medicine men cooled off and lost the game by 61 pins—to the strong Presidio five who finally got settled and started their death march on the medics.

The Letterman bowlers were completely frozen by the strong Presidio team when they dropped the third and crucial game by a margin of 22 pins. The medics had their usual trouble of not being able to pick up their spares when the competition became keen.

Marano of the pill-rollers won all the singular honors for the evening by rolling a 572 series and also bowling the high game with a score of 212. Kuntz was next in line for honors among the medics when he bowled a 544 series. The other three men scored in the 400's with Williams bowling a 479—next came Sterr who rolled a total of 475 and last was Yohe—with a score of 447.

As a result of this game the Letterman team is now in eighth place which puts them one step out of last position. However, they have played the top four teams and now have the second rated teams ahead. If they have any luck with them in the following games they should be back on top in a few weeks.

Following are results of the night's scores:

LETTERMAN				
A. Sterr	174	151	150	475
C. Williams	167	173	139	479
W. Yohe	159	146	142	447
F. Marano	212	191	189	572
H. Kuntz	157	195	192	544
Total	869	836	812	2517

PRESIDIO				
D. Larson	140	195	173	508
J. Banach	173	184	181	538
J. Harney	137	149	148	434
R. Triplett	150	161	177	488
L. Jameson	173	208	155	536
Total	773	897	834	2504

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of March 19 to Mar. 26

MONDAY—Variety Stage Show—A.F.E.C.	SSO	1830	YMCA
TUESDAY—Movie "Tomorrow The World" Frederick March, Betty Field	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—ATC Band of Hamilton Field Sgt. Stabile Director, "'A Band that's on the Beam."	SSO	1400	YMCA
Bingo Games with Prizes	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—A Jive Session	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "I'll Be Seeing You" Ginger Rogers, Shirley Temple	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Variety Show	SSO	1830	YMCA
FRIDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Wards
Mr. George Fenneman—"What's My Name?"	RECON	1400	YMCA
Party with Girl Hostesses	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Popcorn Party	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Lake Placid Serenade" Vera Vague, Ruth Terry	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso	SSO	1330	YMCA
Jubilee Singers from Treasure Island	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Singing Srtings—12 talented young ladies	SSO	1830	YMCA
Movie "Lake Placid Serenade" Vera Vague, Ruth Terry	SSO	1830	Rec. Hall

POLLY CADET . . .



1960

T/Sgt. Roy V. Lontz of Company "B" doesn't worry about meat rationing. With the help of a hook and line, he sits back and relaxes. Presto, seven beautiful bass! This goes on most every day. It's a lot of fun too.

The party that was given in honor of T/Sgt. Quinton Ferguson of B Company and his wife last Tuesday night, turned out to be a gala affair. Our own Special Service arranged for the music and entertainment. Those people on the show were—Joyce Casriel, Jean Raines, Tommy Canine, Cpl. Don Cox, Sgt. Jimmy Calabrese and Cpl. Wayne Tredway. The credit goes to the boys in our mail room, Cpl. C. Shouse, T/4th Gr. Tony Foeller and T/5th Gr. M. Clayton. Thank fellows.

The 1960 Band gave the Bataan heroes and many others, a great send off Tuesday. They were there for every train that left that day. Let's give the men in the band a big hand. Besides their other duties, they find time to give out with music. Thanks to the following men of Headquarters Company: Pvt. M. Small, Pvt. L. Fry, Pvt. C. Luppy, Pvt. Victor Anderson, Pvt. Tony Botterary, Pvt. John Moore, Cpl. James Jackson and Pvt. R. Botts.

News From Home

Atlanta (CNS) — The Georgia State Senate has passed a bill barring dogs from hotels. Reason for the bill, according to Sen Peyton Hawes, is that "a lot of women think more of their dogs than their husbands. They would be willing to leave their husbands outside at night, but not their dogs."

Indianapolis (CNS)—Local police had a field day on a recent Sunday. They raided a local hotel, broke up several card games, arrested 15 men on gambling charges, hauled 5 sleeping couples out of bed and to the jug, seized some liquor, and cracked a few skulls. Then they returned to headquarters, beaming happily.

Kansas City (CNS) — Thomas H. Ginigan, a lawyer, has been married 30 times. Each time, however, he was merely a proxy bridgegroom, taking the vows for overseas soldiers and sailors.

Lemont, Ill (CNS) — George Hoffmeyer, who claimed to be the fattest man in the world, died recently at 63. He weighed 674 pounds following a siege of pneumonia in 1925. Before that he weighed only 145.

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Second Group of Liberated Men Come Home To Us

The second group of liberated prisoners, recently freed from Cabanatuan and Bilibid, came back to San Francisco at the end of last week to receive a duplicate of the welcome accorded the pioneer group just a week ago. The whistles of the ships at anchor in the harbor, the siren on the Ferry Building, and far off cheers of watchers from the high points in the city were again a part of the reception program.

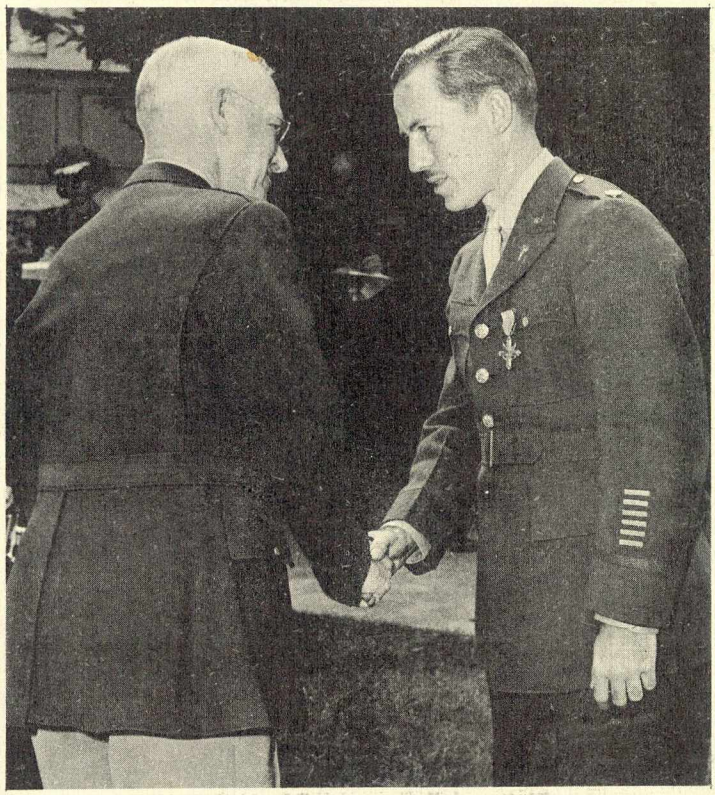
On this occasion the weather man was not in sympathy and the best he could provide was a cold and rainy day. A day when the gray clouds hung low over the city, and a spot with a bit of steam in the radiator would get first choice from the veterans of years in tropical torture.

The Mayor the city, and the chairman of the citizens' committee, were on the pier to extend the word of welcome on behalf of the community which felt it an honor to give safe harbor to the men of MacArthur. A few of the relatives of liberated soldiers were present to get that first glimpse of a loved one too long absent. It was all so good to come home to.

Big Army busses carried the men from the pier to Letterman where they were immediately admitted to wards for a period of relaxation before the medical screening on the morrow. The doctors had priority and nothing happened until all had been subject to a complete physical examination. The following day the ladies and gentlemen of the press were permitted to seek interviews with individual patients and the wire services hummed that night with stories of men from all parts of the nation—all beamed to their own home town so the home folks would know their absent heroes had returned.

The first meal here was a steak dinner and next came the matter of pay. In the absence of records everyone received a generous partial pay to tide the men over until the personnel section could complete the forms necessary for payment in full.

The Sabbath was given over to clothing issue after church services so that all would be ready for the formal welcome to be extended on Monday afternoon in the Letterman patio.



Major JOHN J. BRENNAN, Medical Corps Receiving the congratulations of Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman following the award of the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in action.

The ceremonies on Monday afternoon were opened with the playing of "God Bless America" by the Western Defense Command band and an invocation by Major Albert D. Talbot, the chaplain who had shared the imprisonment with his fellow soldiers. The Commanding General then made a brief address to the group in which he stressed the gratitude all America felt for the liberation of the men and the lasting appreciation of the sacrifices they made in that far off battle sector. Awards in recognition for outstanding perfor-

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New Letterman Gray Ladies Added to Corps for Duty Here

The ranks of the beloved Gray Ladies of Letterman were augmented on Monday evening last when 62 graduates of the recent indoctrination course completed their probationary period and were presented with the cap which identifies them as full fledged Gray Ladies.

The ceremony took place in the Recreation Center at Letterman and opened with an invocation by Chaplain Tetirick, after which Mr. Charles Blyth, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chapter, America Red Cross, addressed the audience. Mrs. Marshall Madison, Vice Chairman of the Volunteer Special Service of the San Francisco Chapter also spoke to the audience on the work of the volunteers.

The reading of the pledge was led by Mrs. J. D. McGilvray, Chairman of the Hospital and Recreation Corps and certificates of membership were presented by Mrs. Robert C. Martin and Mrs. Herman Phleger. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Gray Ladies were formally presented to the Commanding General, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman who replied briefly and thanked these benefactors for their great service to the returning wounded and personal interest they display in the enhancement of their content and well being.

The Letterman Gray Ladies have built up a reputation for themselves that is nationwide in scope and every patient who passes through this hospital carries away a very pleasant memory of the gracious volunteers who give so freely of their time and talent to make these first days back in the homeland a happier time for the sick and wounded back from overseas theatres of operations.

MORE ABOUT SECOND GROUP

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mance of duty were announced and General Hillman presented medals to 29 officers and men.

Heading the list of the honored heroes was Major John J. Brennan, Medical Corps, who received the Distinguished Service Cross with the following citation:

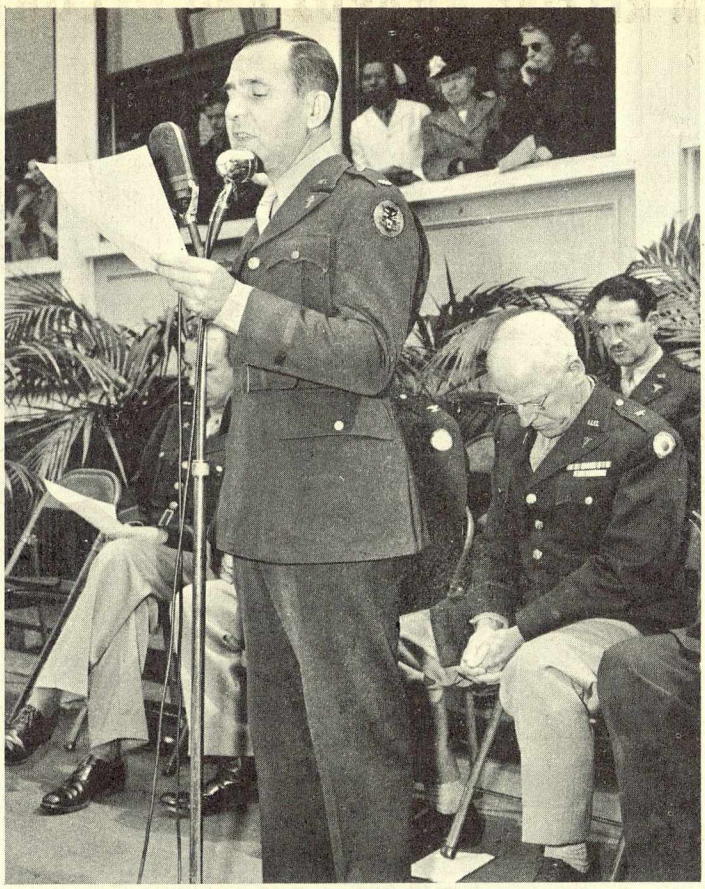
"For extraordinary heroism in action in Abucay Hacienda, Bataan, P.I., during the period January 22-24, 1942. Although his salient was subjected to incessant sniping as well as heavy artillery fire and repeated dive bombing attacks, Captain Brennan maintained his battalion aid station during the entire period. On many occasions he personally attended casualties in the combat zone before they were brought to his aid station. When two officers were hit during an intense bombardment by enemy 105's, Captain Brennan, who was nearby, administered first aid treatment to the officer who was still living. This gallant act in the face of shells falling in the immediate vicinity, not only saved the life of the seriously wounded officers but had a decided effect on the morale of his battalion."

Next in line another Medical officer, Lieut. Colonel Frank S. Adamo, who received the ribbon of the Legion of Merit in lieu of the medal already presented to a member of his family. The citation accompanying that award read:

"As Chief of the surgical service of General Hospital No. 2, on the Bataan Peninsula, Lieut. Colonel Adamo, in spite of almost total lack of standard equipment and facilities, efficiently directed the surgical service and personally performed a large share of the surgical work with marked success."

The Silver Star for gallantry in action was awarded to Lieut. Colonel Joseph L. Chabot, Inf., Captain Frank L. Schaf, Jr., CWS, S/Sgt. Louis V. Taylor, AAF, Cpl. James J. Palmer, Inf., Cpl. Russell L. Villiers, Inf., Pvt. James M. Ballard, Inf.

The Medal of the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action was awarded to Colonel Carlton L. Vanderboget, M.D., Major Herman N. Archer, Major Albert E. Talbot, ChC., Major Lester I. Fox, M.C., Major Charles H. Wyatt, CE, Major Paul L. Ashton, M.C., Major Richard C. Kadel, Ord., Captain Thomas A. Hackett, CA, T/Sgt. Ike Thomas, MD, S/Sgt. Denver F. Beaver, Inf., S/Sgt. Kenner B. Marsh, Inf., S/Sgt. Jay A. Graham, Inf., Cpl. Gillis H. Meyers, Inf., Cpl. Alifford F. Sneyd, Inf., Cpl. James J. Palmer, Inf., Cpl. Russell L. Villiers, Inf., Cpl. Norman C .Gilbert, CE, Cpl. Cleveland Henriquez, CAC, Cpl. Jerome J. Roth, CAC, Cpl. Sam M. Palasota, Pvt. Ira W. Taylor, Inf.



Major ALBERT D. TALBOT
Liberated Chaplain pronouncing the Invocation at ceremonies for the officers and men who returned last week from the prison camps of the Philippines.

Chaplain Talbot's Invocation

God Bless America! God Bless San Francisco!

Honor, Praise, Glory and Thanksgiving to the Almighty for our liberation from the Philippines.

God Bless those who have hallowed the soil of the Philippines with their blood.

God Bless and restore to health those who were wounded for our cause. Who freed us.

God Bless those of our comrades who are not yet released and who are suffering the hardships of separation and starvation in Japanese prison camps.

God Bless the people of this city for their hospitality, love and devotion. Can we forget our providential rescue? Why are we here enjoying the warmth of your San Francisco homes when so many others of our comrades remain behind—heroes in anguish—separation—starvation—death—a mystery of love—a mystery of God's unsearchable ways.

"We shall always be grateful and never complain," is our motto —today and forever.

God grant Peace to the world—Victory to our armies—Love instead of hatred—Unity instead of chaos—Union instead of schism and strife.

Our Father who art in Heaven—Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done—on earth as it is in heaven.

God Bless America—God love and bless you, the people of San Francisco . . . . . Amen.

Decorated

At an informal ceremony held in the patio here on Wednesday afternoon, awards and decorations were presented to the following liberated prisoners of war by the commanding general, Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman:

The Silver Star to Captain Charles F. Lewis, MC., Oakland, Calif.

The Purple Heart to: Major Paul L. Ashton, MC., Corona, Calif.; M/Sgt. Clifford E. Taylor, Inf., Cedar Rapids, Iowa; T/Sgt. Thomas Mason, QM., Elkland, Penna.; S/Sgt. Warren E. Hendry, AAF, Ponchatoula, La.; S/Sgt. Earl P. Walk, Inf., Marinetti, Wisconsin; Sgt. Carl W. Roy, AAF, Benbush, West Virginia; Cpl. Sam Sena, CAC., Rocioda, New Mexico; T/5th Gr. Sanford J. Blau, AAF, Cleveland Hts., Ohio; Pfc. Ira. W. Taylow, Inf., Lexington, Texas.

The ceremonies concluded with benediction pronounced by Chaplain V. C. Dameron and the playing of the National Anthem by the Western Defense Command band under Chief Warrant Officer Lynn Decker.

On Tuesday the citizens of San Francisco extended their welcome to the men returned from Bataan and Corregidor.

In a motor convoy headed by Brig. Gen. C. .C Hillman with the patients riding in Army busses there was a parade from the hospital to the Ferry Building and then up Market Street to the City Hall where a special space had been reserved for the men as the guest of the city. Addresses were made by the Mayor of San Francisco the Honorable Roger D. Lapham and Dr. James F. Grady, Chairman of the citizens committee. There was a formal presentation to S/Sgt. Elmer Hayes of the medallion commemorating the occasion. Medallions were distributed to the other men at a luncheon in the Peacock Court of the Hotel Mark Hopkins. The program for that day will linger long in the memories of the grateful men who were the recipients of the bounty of San Francisco.

HEROES OF BATAAN RECEIVE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS IN PATIO

Eighteen officers and men received the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart



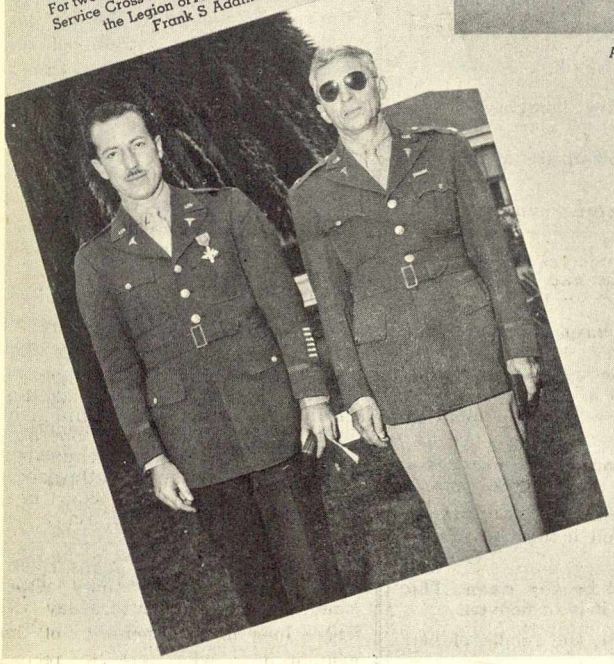
General Hillman extending the formal welcome home





Assembled liberated officers and men

HIGHEST HONORS
For two medical officers - - The Distinguished Service Cross for Major John J. Brennan and the Legion of Merit for Lt. Col. Frank S Adamo



CPL. RUSSEL L. VILLIERS
Received the congratulations of General Hillman on the occasion of the award of the Silver Star and the Purple Heart



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EDITORIAL

TEAMWORK

Letterman has just emerged from the busiest period in its long history. More patients have been handled at the peak than at any previous time, and more patients have required extraordinary administrative attention than ever before.

So far as we are aware our task has been completed with satisfaction to all concerned, and we are gratified at our achievement.

In the performance of the duties devolving on us some of our departments have been very prominent in the expeditious methods employed to accomplish their particular part of the whole program. They were in the limelight and the results brought them merited commendation.

Other departments worked behind the scenes. The personnel sort of set the stage for others to present their acts. They remind us of the "grips" in any theatre; most important to the production but never get a name on a program.

The staff of our Personnel Division by working long hours made it possible for the payment of the patients passing through during this very busy time; made it possible for the records to be ready for the next move. Every patient came in personal contact with the staff. Every member of the staff rendered a superior performance.

It was teamwork at its best.



Greetings and salutations to Captain **Genevieve McCartney,** from Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, our new Nurse Recruiting Officer, who replaces 2nd Lieutenant **Marion Spencer.**

Also our gain during the past week came in the persons of 1st Lieutenants **Lillian Edmuntowicz** and **Agnes Williges** who joined our staff after a tour of overseas duty; and 2nd Lieutenant **Eloise Stickney** who reported here from Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington.

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It's an easy matter to welcome newcomers to the staff, but farewells are always bid with reluctance. This week our sincere good wishes follow 1st Lieutenant **Ira F. McGuill** who leaves us for that embarkation point —Camp Stoneman. After that comes an APO number.

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Also departing are three nurses, who were our neighbors at Dante Annex. 'Adieu' to 1st Lieutenants **Dorothy A. Copenhaver** and **Winona P. Gatz** and 2nd Lieutenant **Mary Anne Tonne,** who will join a unit at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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'And snowed under'—during recent weeks is Captain **Shirley R. Timewell,** now boss of 87 cadets. More than half of this number have been sent to Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park for training.

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Sincere wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to 2nd Lieutenants **Dorothy B. Bagley, Ruth E. Enarson** and **Betty Smith.**

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And returned to duty after a period of illness are 1st Lieutenants **Nina P. Brandt** and **Martyne M. Sherman.**

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Comes word from the ETO—2nd Lieutenant **Myrtle L. Edison** patiently awaiting her promotion to 1st lieutenant. Also word that other former Lettermanites now stationed at the 159th General Hospital overseas are Lieutenants **Barbara M. Hauck, Erna D. Seegelken** and **Ann M. Ghormley.** They proudly write of 'their hospital' being awarded the Legion of Merit for being the best equipped and best operated hospital.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Lieut. **George E. Morey,** former Lettermanite, back for a chat with friends about his extensive travels. This native son of the Mission District has been to all the Theatres of Operations and a few places where no show was going on.

Major **Paul L. Ashton,** MC., back among the liberated prisoners from Manila and almost a stranger where he was once well known. Welcome home, Paul.

1st Lieut. **Elizabeth E. Reese** packing her bags for a well earned period of leave. Destination—undisclosed.

Captain **Ruth Wagner** adding to her collection of dialect stories as told in the "deep south."

Colonel **Harvey F. Hendrickson** holding out for a shave a day to keep the barber away—and doing nicely on A-1.

Changes in the "Front Office"-- **Colonel Craft** upped to Assistant Executive Officer, and Captain **Lee Inman** elevated to Adjutant.

The increased telephone facilities well patronized by our patients who agree that the "Voice With a Smile" is surpassed by the "Face With a Smile"; one belongs to Miss Kay Dirsa.

New spring flowers about to replace the heavy dew we have been enjoying at the end of this week.

Captain **Joseph E. Brennan** maintaining the Brennans are a fine clan. Didn't a major by that name get the DSC?

New York Cracks Down On War-Time 'Speaks'

New York (CNS)—The midnight curfew on hot spots is being more strictly enforced in Gotham than was prohibition—by a wide margin. In prohibition era raids on speakeasies, customers were rarely arrested or fined. Usually only the proprietor and employees were hauled off to the police courts and jail. But New York magistrates are treating operators and customers alike as law violators and are nailing them with fines and jail sentences. Even parties in private homes after midnight are being raided if enough noise is made to enable police to ferret them out.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, March 25, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Week

The annual Reverent Observance of Good Friday will be repeated this year in the city of San Francisco with services to be held in the Civic Auditorium on Friday, 30 March, from 1200 to 1500. The Most Reverend John J. Mitty, D.D., Archbishop of San Francisco, will preside at these services and a cordial invitation is extended to all service personnel to participate in this observance of Good Friday.

In the neighboring post of the Presidio, Chaplain A. E. Butcher will hold service in the Post Chapel on Wednesday morning—a Communion and Meditation service—at 1030 and on Friday there will be services at 1200 and 1930.

At the Catholic Chapel in the Presidio Chaplain Haskins will conduct the "Three Hours Service" on Friday from 1200 to 1500, and in the evening Stations of the Cross at 1930.

At the Letterman Chapel Mass will be celebrated on Thursday morning at 0800 and on Friday at 1430 Stations of the Cross.

Command Officers Get Distinguishing Insignia

Ninth Army Front, ETO (CNS)—Officers who command troops are now wearing a new marking on their uniforms to distinguish them from officers who operate only in an executive capacity. The marking, recently authorized, is a narrow green band worn beneath the shoulder insignia.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



MARY M. CRAIG, WAC
Pvt., Med. Dept.

Something new has been added and many 'firsts' have been recorded—but making history in the FOGHORN is Private Mary M. Craig, a new addition to the medical detachment—a WAC—and the first female to be featured in this column as 'Buck of the Week.'

Private Craig was born in Moline, Illinois, but left that territory when still very young and her family decided to move to the little town of Dunkerton in Iowa. It was in Dunkerton that 'our buck' received all of her education. Immediately upon completion of her high school curriculum, she set forth to see as much of these United States of ours that she could. In the course of her travels she has been through 43 states. The five that she missed were North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Georgia. But after the war when she resumes her civilian status, Private Craig will include these to her lists of 'have been.'

When it comes to choosing a home state—California and Illinois rank among the first. As a matter of fact she was residing in California at the time of her enlistment into the WAC in April of 1942. She was sent to Des Moines, Iowa, for her basic training and then on to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for her medical training. This was followed with assignment at the hospital at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and then to Newton D. Baker General Hospital in West Virginia. In spite of the other requests of members of the WAC Corps there, for assignment in San Francisco, Private Craig was the only one selected, much to her elation.

She reported to Letterman for duty recently and now works in the Information Office here—answering the numerous queries of the inquiring public.

Commendation

The unprecedentedly high patient census in Letterman General Hospital during the recent past which made necessary the establishmnt of two annexes and increased the utilization of the main hospital to utmost capacity carried with it a tremendous work load. Maximum individual labor on the part of all concerned was required to effect proper handling of the situation.

That the problem confronted was met and handled efficiently and satisfactorily under complex and trying conditions is a source of great satisfaction to me. The hard, loyal, and intelligent work performed by everyone was the only way the task could possibly have been accomplished.

I am proud to commend each member of the commissioned, enlisted, and civilian staff of this hospital and associated facilities for their splendid cooperation and outstanding efforts which so successfully accomplished the difficult mission.

I extend my personal thanks to each and every one concerned.

C. C. HILLMAN,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.



ON THE SPOT



GEORGE E. SHARP,
Staff Sergeant, Infantry

When his Parachute Infantry regiment went into combat for the first time during the Leyte campaign, there was no parachuting but plenty of Infantry fighting, according to Staff Sergeant George E. Sharp, our hero 'On the Spot' this week—who hails from the California city of Sacramento.

"And we worked at considerable altitude, if not in planes," said the sergeant, who is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Wagner of 457 North Carolina Avenue in Los Angeles.

"Our first mission was against a Jap sully trail through the mountains near Ormoc. It was a rugged job, and all the training with weapons and our physical conditioning paid off."

Sergeant Sharp, a rifle squad leader, was wounded December 18, when an enemy artillery shell fell nearby and jagged metal fragments caught him in the leg. When he was interviewed here at LGH recently, he told how, although he received good medical care in the mountains where he was wounded, it was a week before he could be evacuated to a field hospital.

"There was one period of seven days when they couldn't get us rations and we were almost without chow. One thing we ran out of altogether was oil for our rifles. But those M1's still fired perfectly. You can't beat them."

The good-looking young doughboy, who enlisted as a paratrooper three years ago, took ground training at the Camp Wolters, Texas, Infantry Replacement Training Center—followed by parachute training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy and the Purple.

MEDICAL DETACH

A good time will be had by all of the following men who received their furloughs during the past week: Privates Henry G. Korolevich and Thomas J. Callahan who each received 23 days; Privates Randall V. Hendrick and Michael F. Stefan—17 days; Privates Robert F. Jukes and Balilo Q. Cachero—15 days; and Lewis H. Trickey—seven days.

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A hearty welcome to 1st Sergeant Malcolm R. McLeod and Private Louise F. Coffman, WAC, who joined the detachment during the past week.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

The newly organized 'Lonely Hearts Club,' formerly known as the 'Kibitzer's Club,' meeting in the lounging room of the Post Exchange. (T/5th Gr. Patrick J. Sullivan—president and recruiting new members).

Cpl. Wallace A. Brurud, the ward-master of A-1, accomplishing the impossible these days by keeping his records straight.

T/3rd Gr. Charles "You Name It—I'll Fix It" Wilcox—finally learning that automobiles are a little more complicated and a good deal larger than typewriters.

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein coming out of the basement once a day to forecast the weather.

Sgt. Robert Harrington still reading books on how to bring up babies.

T/5th Gr. Thomas Hackett having a yardbird's dream come true when he had a former 1st sergeant of his as a patient on his ward and was able to give him orders.

The men of the motor pool and garage—who have done a wonderful job in keeping the transportation facilities available on all occasions during the recent rush period—and they were rushed!

T/5th Gr. Peter J. Ricca looking like a page out of 'Esquire.'

T/5th Gr. Jesse C. Allan, former member of the detachment, back in San Francisco for his wedding last Tuesday night. (Congratulations are in order, so herein we extend ours.)

A WELCOME YOUNG LADY WHO KNOWS ALL THE ANSWERS



MRS. CONWAY B. SONNE, A.R.C.
Personable young matron in charge of the Special Information Office for relatives of liberated and missing personnel.

Compared to the Red Cross Inquiry Service at Letterman Hospital, Mr. Anthony was a piker when it came to answering questions. From Cisco, Texas, to Blue Seal, West Virginia, from Gallup, New Mexico, to New York City and back again the questions from eager relatives of the liberated men from the Philippines have poured in. In one day 221 messages were delivered by the indefatigable Grey Ladies. Over 400 calls came into the office from 26 different states, and the little group of Red Cross volunteer workers were on the job from 8:30 in the morning until midnight.

Not the least of the credit for this invaluable service goes to Mrs. Conway B. Sonne, better known to Letterman as Elaine Wintch, who has remained her very attractive and imperturbable self through all of the excitement. As Miss Wintch, she came to Letterman with the Red Cross in March, 1944, serving both as a social service and recreational worker, until she married Lieutenant Sonne in January of this year, and left the hospital to be with her husband in Manti, Utah. When Lieutenant Sonne was transferred to the supply depot in Oakland, California, shortly after their marriage, she came with him. One month later an S.O.S. from the Red Cross brought her back to Letterman as a volunteer worker to answer the thousands of inquiries that poured in upon the arrival of the liberated nurses from Bataan.

At the start of the service, Mrs. Sonne was alone, but as the task grew entirely out of bounds for one person, she had the able assistance of Mrs. John Lilienthal and Mrs. William M. Cannon, chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Staff Assistants Corps, under the supervision of Mrs. Gloria Hendricks, Field Director of the Red Cross at Letterman. As the work grew still heavier, six volunteer typists and eight teletype operators added their volunteer assistance.

To Mrs. Sonne, and all of the people who have so kindly taken this load from the shoulders of the staff, Letterman is sincerely grateful, as are the wives and parents who have had answers to their eager questions concerning loved ones still in the Philippines.



To Pvt. and Mrs. **Harry Wall** a daughter, Carlene Marie; born 10 March; weight 6 pounds 6 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **James Swint** a son, James Millard; born 13 March; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. William Wallace a son, John; born 14 March; weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Fred Peters** a son, Frederick Martin III; born 11 March; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **Edward Filipowitz** a daughter, Judith Ellen; born 9 March; weight 8 pounds 1 ounce.

To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. **Robert Thompson** a daughter, Susan Lynn; born 10 March; weight 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. **Richard Holmes** a son, Michael Richard; born 9 March; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Lyle Davis** a daughter, Susan Rae; born 15 March; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. **Francis Ruth** a son, William Richard; born 14 March; weight 6 pounds 6 ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. **Clarence Holtz** a son, Richard Allen; born 14 March; weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **David Hill** a son, David Drew; born 15 March; weight 6 pounds 13 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **Henry Dahmer** a son, William Henry Jr.; born 10 March; weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Walter Gulden** a son, Walter Irvin Jr.; born 13 March; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Harry Amey** a son, Gerald Young; born 11 March; weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Laverne Green** a son, Leslie Earl; born 11 March; weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

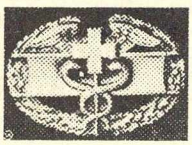
To Pfc. and Mrs. **Sigmond Brońgiel** a daughter, Diana Margaret; born 11 March; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Forrest Schmidtendorff**, a son, Michael Forrest; born 10 March; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

Medics to Get Combat Badges

By Camp Newspaper Service

A Medical Badge has been authorized by the War Department in "recognition of the service rendered during combat" by members of the Medical Department assigned or attached to the Infantry. It is of silver metal, eliptical in shape, with the Medical Department's insignia, the caduceus, and the Geneva Cross superimposed on a litter surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves. It will be worn on the left breast above decorations and service ribbons.



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The badge will be awarded to Medical Department personnel regularly assigned or temporarily attached during combat to the Medical detachments of Infantry regiments, battalions or elements thereof since Dec 7, 1941.

Since members of the Medical Department are protected personnel under the terms of the Geneva Convention, the right to wear the badge may be temporarily withdrawn upon transfer or assignment of the individual to duties other than medical in which he may come in contact with the enemy. In such cases, the right to wear the Medical Badge will be restored on relief from combat duties or on reassignment to the Medical Department.

Regimental commanders are authorized to make the award for "satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions." They also are given the authority to withdraw the badge if the individual fails to perform his duty satisfactorily.

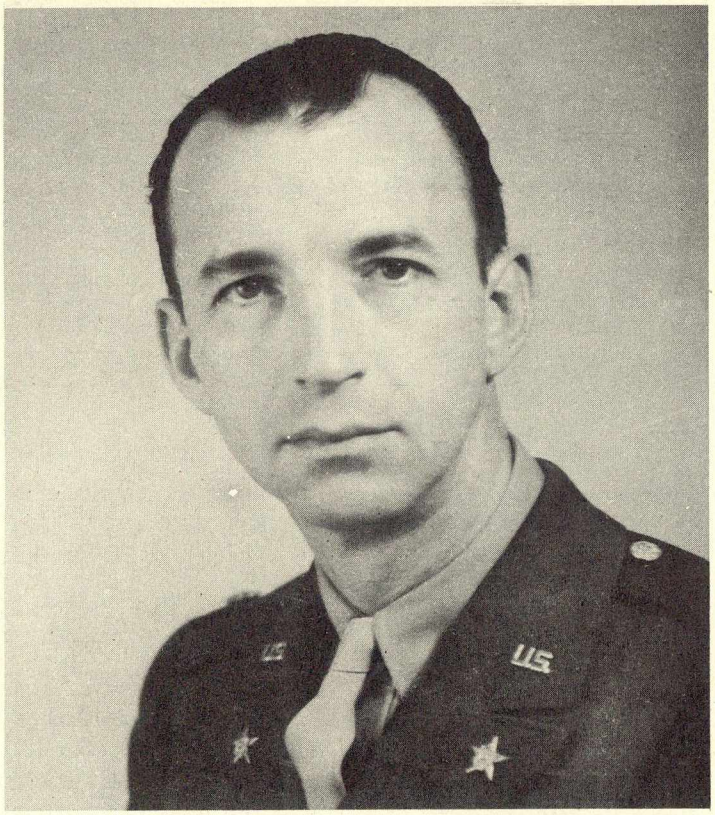
Enlisted and officer personnel below field grade (major) are eligible for the badge and it may be awarded to the regimental surgeon regardless of rank.

Some GIs to Come Home After Victory in Europe

Washington (CNS) — Although the most difficult shipping problem of the war will follow cessation of hostilities in Germany, the Army will bring some of the troops in Europe back to the United States for furloughs before they are reassigned or discharged. That was disclosed by L/Gen Brehon B. Somervell, Chief of Army Service Forces. Other troops, mostly service troops, will be moved directly from Europe to the Orient.

BUY BONDS

THE "MAN IN THE MIDDLE" LEFT US LOOKING FOR HIS EARLY RETURN



Lieut. Col. EUGENE D. MULLINS
Public Relations Officer for the Ninth Service Command.

The smooth looking officer who gave us such a splendid example of dexterity in the use of the olive branch during the past three weeks in our midst may now be identified to our readers as the Public Relations Officer for the Ninth Service Command—Lt. Col. Eugene D. Mullins.

Col. Mullins is a native of Tacoma, Washington and a graduate of the University of Oregon, Class of 1944, where he majored in journalism. On graduating he joined the staff of the Seattle Post "Intelligencer" where he worked for three years and then moved down to the Portland "Oregonian" where he was a member of the staff for the next four years.

The avocation of the colonel began when he was commissioned in the Reserve Corps in 1942 in the Military Intelligence Division, and he was called to active duty on the 3rd of September, 1940 and assigned to Fort Stevens, Oregon. In September, 1924 he was assigned to Fort Douglas as Executive Officer in the Intelligence Division and on the first of January, 1944, he was designated Public Relations Officer for the Service Command.

The role of Public Relations Officer is not an easy one to fill. He must possess an innate sense of values concerning the news and must know what to disclose and what to withhold. If he discloses everything he makes a hit with the papers but may not be too popular with the Commanding General. If he withholds everything the C.G. may be pleased but that never makes the newspaper people happy. In a word, the P.R.O. is always in the middle and generally emerges from a conference somewhat bruised on one side or the other.

Col. Mullins appears to have a necessary degree of resilience which enables him to bounce back on his feet on the few occasions when he has appeared to be floored. He is endowed with a quiet sense of humor and a dash of Irish wit, vry handy to relieve tension. He is the type of P.R.O. whom people are very happy to see on arrival and reluctant to watch when going. From this you may gather we sort of like him at Letterman—

And your conclusion is correct.

1960

The newly formed 1960 Band, under the direction of Cpl. James Jackson is beginning to materialize. They already have had many offers to play around the Post.

Congratulations are extended to the following 2nd lieutenants who have just received promotions to 1st lieutenant: Douglas E. Spears, John H. Fields, Irvin Eisenberg, Bruce Fulton, Harry E. Snow, Ross D. Putman, Stanley V. Davis, Eva. M. Poots, Lillian J. Dixon, Esther M. Callender, Ann R. Daloisio, Helen Holzhauser, Melga O. Sormula, Frances L. Woodward, Ione Hergert, Dorothy J. Fryer, Linley Coventon, Helen W. Underwood, Edythe M. Hawthorne, Opal J. Hanson, and Martha E. Johnson.

Company "B" still has a standing challenge for any volley ball team, any time, any place.

Pfc. Jules Cuthill is once again happy now that his buddy, Pfc. Alphonse Demarco is back from his trip.

T/5 Roger Elliott and T/5 John C. Kopacki are diligently heating a path to school each evening. It's that stop on the way home that makes those dreamy eyes in the morning.

Womens' Club

The new Service Women's Club in San Francisco opened its doors last month to all women in uniform, officer and enlisted.

Sponsored by the Naval Aid Auxiliary, the motion picture industry and the City of San Francisco, the club was founded in the interest of women in all uniformed services.

The large main lounge is decorated in soft pastel colors with floral designs and colorful water colors—a room that appeals to feminine soldier, sailor or marine.

"For Women Only" is the club rule, and men are admitted to the lounge only, to meet their friends or to the snack bar for a bite to eat.

Sleeping rooms, at one dollar a night, are provided with double decker beds, a dressing table, mirror, chairs and wall lockers. Large dressing rooms with tubs and showers are on both floors of the club.

The club's facilities are for transient use only. Women on pass or on leave are welcomed at the club. No reservations are required.

Sad Sacks So Sorry

The Letterman "Sad Sacks" are still being jinxed by an unseen gremlin when they lost two out of three games to the Camp Knight team last Friday night in the General Kell's league at the Fort Mason alleys.

In the first game the medics ran up against some tough opposition and were leading until the anchor man, Fueger, of the Camp Knight five came through with a 221 game and put his team out in front by 31 pins.

The second game was still closer but the Sad Sacks lost this game by a slim margin of four points. As in the first game everything depended upon the anchor man and once again Fueger did some good bowling to put his team in the winning position.

In the third and final game the Letterman keglers hit their stride and won the match by 42 pins. However, the Letterman team came out on top in the total pinnage as their total was 2511 and Camp Knight's total was 2504.

Honors for high man in this contest go to Fueger of opposing team, who rolled a 568 series. Kuntz of the medics bowled 539, following Fueger for top honors. This ace of the Camp Knighters also won the honors for high game when he started the series with a score of 221. This is the first contest of the league that at least one of the medicine men didn't go over the 200 mark.

Following are the results of the night's series:

LETTERMAN				
Sterr....	159	144	182	485
Davis	173	165	156	494
Williams ..	171	169	147	487
Marano	171	169	166	506
Kuntz	178	180	181	539
Total	852	827	832	2511
CAMP KNIGHT				
Wedic	157	193	175	525
Anklam	188	165	136	489
Marzec	165	124	167	456
Dick	152	164	150	466
Fueger	221	185	162	568
Total	883	831	790	2504

Aged Strippers in Britain

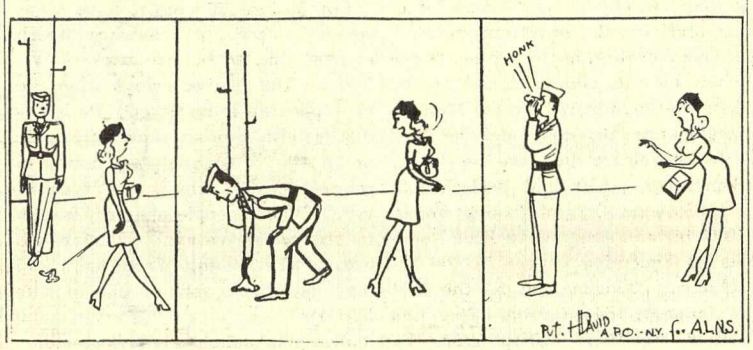
London (CNS)—The House of Commons is considering a proposal barring women under 50 from the strip-tease stage. One member wanted to know why there were strippers under 50 in view of the shortage of women in factories and on the war fronts.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of Mar. 26 to Apr. 2

MONDAY—'Round the Piano with Kate....SSO	1400	YMCA
Mr. Fleming, Sketcher.....ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Make A Talking Record .....ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Open House Featuring Girl Hostesses and Talent Show .....ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
A.F.E.C. Variety Stage Show ....SSO	1830	YMCA
TUESDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show ..... SSO	1400	Wards
Ping Pong Tournament .....ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Feature Movie .....RECON	1400	YMCA
"Big Banaza" Gabby Hayes (Movie SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Photo Tinting .....RECON	1800	YMCA
Variety Numbers .....RECON	1830	YMCA
Pool reserved for Wacs, Nurses and Cadet Nurses .....RECON	1900	YMCA
WEDNESDAY—Popular Music Quiz .....ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Big Banaza" Gabby Hayes ....SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Sing With Bob .....SSO	1830	YMCA
THURSDAY—A Popcorn Party with Games ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Portrait Sketching, Mrs. Miles A. Goodyear .....RECON	1400	YMCA
Movie "Thoroughbreds" Roger Prior SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso SSO	1800	YMCA
Presentation of the "Show Off" with Olio .....SSO	1830	YMCA
FRIDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show .....SSO	1400	Wards
Feature Movie .....RECON	1800	YMCA
Easter Parade Party with Girls and Refreshments .....ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Feature Movie .....RECON	1400	YMCA
Movie "Brazil" Virginia Bruce, Edward Everett Horton .....SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Small Games Night .....RECON	1830	YMCA
SUNDAY—Hymn Sing .....SSO	1000	YMCA
Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso SSO	1330	YMCA
Social Hour in Lobby with Jr. Hostesses .....RECON	1330	YMCA
Easter Choral Music ..... ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Easter Sunday Musical Program .....SSO	1500	YMCA
Table Tennis Tournament ..... RECON	1500	YMCA
Lobby Musical and Sing .....SSO	1830	YMCA
Movie "Brazil" Virginia Bruce, Edward Everett Horton .....SSO	1830	Rec. Hall



News From Home

Boston (CNS) — Thirty million Americans are drinkers, according to a study recently completed by Washington Hospital here. A million or 2 of them drink heavily, the survey adds, while 750,000 are "addicted" to liquor.

Denver (CNS) — Police Judge Joseph Neff sentences drunks to work in war plants. In 2 months, 277 of them have gone to work in war industries.

Eatontown, N. J. (CNS)—A local used car lot is having a tough time selling one item. It's a 1926 model hook and ladder truck complete with ladders and pike poles. So far there are no bidders.

Indianapolis (CNS) — "Well, here I come," said a burglar as he climbed out of a coal chute after ransacking a department store. He thought he was talking to his partner. But when he got outside he found a cop was holding the chute door open.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Los Angeles will hold a world's fair in 1949-50 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill.

Nashville, Tenn (CNS)—"Lipstick is a dangerous instrument," says a bill recently introduced in the Tennessee State legislature. The bill would prohibit use of the smeary stuff and fine users $10,000.

New York (CNS)—Dave Simonetti, 65, went to work as the new janitor of an apartment building one day recently. He struck a match in the cellar and was greeted with a violent explosion which smashed windows, rocked the building and laid a mouse on Dave's right eye. His predecessor had left a lot of coal gas lying around the basement.

Oakland, Cal (CNS) — Arthur Cunningham wants a divorce from his wife, Doris, 18. The charge: He came home one night and found her playing strip poker with 4 strange men. She wasn't winning, either, he complains.

Philadelphia (CNS) — William Crawford has to stay sober for 3 years if he wants to stay out of jail. That was the sentence passed by a local judge when Crawford was brought before him on a charge of shooting his sister-in-law after imbibing of the grape.

Sanford, Me (CNS)—Mary Lou Bernier is suing the state of Maine for $157.48. She says she was bitten by a muskrat while leaving a state-operated store.

San Francisco (CNS)—Two lady street conductors were arrested here recently on similar charges. One had blasphemously bawled out a passenger. Another had slugged a passenger in the nose when asked to stop the car.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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First Detachment Of WAC Reports For Duty at L.G.H.

Letterman's lone enlisted WAC has finally acquired some sister soldiers, and Pvt. Helen Thompson, the pioneer of her kind, is very happy about the recent arrival of 38 members of the WAC for duty at Letterman.

The barracks formerly occupied by the Western Defense Command band have been assigned for the use of the female soldiers and when alterations are completed there will be accommodations for two companies.

The WAC personnel will be used as assistants to the nurses in ward care of the sick and wounded, and those who have had the medical technician training will be assigned to duties in keeping with their specialtes.

Pendng the reporting of a permanent commander for the WAC detachment, Lieut. Alice G. Elto, is acting commander.

The following WAC privates have just arrived at Letterman for station: Joan E. Randall, Rockford, Ill.; Elaine L. Jenzen, Chicago, Ill.; Ellen Bing, Hollywood, Calif.; Jeanette M. Benedict, Jackson, Mich.; Zane Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah; Ruth Godwin, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eudora B. Lombardi, Jersey City, N. J.; Virginia Hill, Richard Center, Wisc.; Marilyn J. Kennedy, Chicago, Ill.; Violet M. Atkins, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jeanne C. Riha, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Naoma B. Baisinger, Kennedy, N. Y.; Evaline L. Bancho, Cleveland, Ohio; Dorothy G. Bennett, Portsmouth, Ohio; Jean L. Jamieson, Miami, Fla.; Jean L. Marshall, Kansas City, Mo.; Hazel I. Pickrem, Willis, Mich.; Marie L. Akers, Seattle, Wash.; Maxine Carpenter, Seattle, Wash.; Marguerite H. Bilquist, Lexington, Mo.; Dorothy J. Adams, Memphis, Tenn.; Beverly L. Alexander, Minneapolis, Minn.; Marie A. Allor, Chicago, Ill.; Annie M. Bennett, Pasadena, Calif.; Mary M. Craig, Oakland, Calif.; Bertha E. Hektner, Dutton, Montara; Mary C. Joyce, Henderson, Minn.; Blanche E. Pierce, Boston, Mass.; Mary W. Spellman, Boston, Mass.; Helen Thompson, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Clara B. Higgins, Marian L. Hawe, and Louise F. Coffman.



Major MARY M. STEPPAN, A.N.C.
Principal Chief Nurse, Hospital Train Unit, SCU 1960, who is receiving congratulations on her promotion to field rank last week.

Easter Services to Be Held in All Post Chapels

If the prediction of the weather man proves to be accurate thousands of San Franciscans, and hundreds of service men and women, will climb the steep hills leading to Mt. Davidson on Sunday morning to participate in the Easter Sunrise Service.

The ceremonies will begin at 0656 Pacific War Time, and the preacher will be Rev. Lloyd R. Carrick, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church. The Municipal Band, under Mr. Philip Sapiro, will furnish the music, and the Boy Scouts will act as ushers.

In the Letterman Chapel Masses will be offered at 0600 and 0800 with special music at the later Mass. Chaplain Tetirick will conduct an Easter Service at 1000. Over at the Presidio Chaplain Butcher will officiate at Easter Services in the Post Chapel at 1045, and at the Catholic Chapel there will be Masses at 0700, 0900, 1100, 1200, and 1700.

Churches of all denominations throughout the city will have special services in honor of Easter.

New Chaplain

Chaplain (Captain) Malcolm B. Ballinger has reported for duty with the Hospital Train Unit, SCU 1960. The chaplain was born in Indiana but now calls Oregon his home. He has been two years on active duty and has recently returned from the European Theatre of Operations.

New Baby

Staff Sergeant Herbert R. Goldstein announces the arrival of Jay Ellis at Dante Annex on Wednesday of this week. Mother and boy are doing well but "Goldie" declined to be quoted on the state of his health or his mind.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IS HOME FOR BIRMINGHAM PATIENTS

We had just been handed orders directing us to proceed to the southland on some official business, and as we checked out, the Executive Officer said, "Why not have a look at Birmingham while you are down there, and tell us something about it."

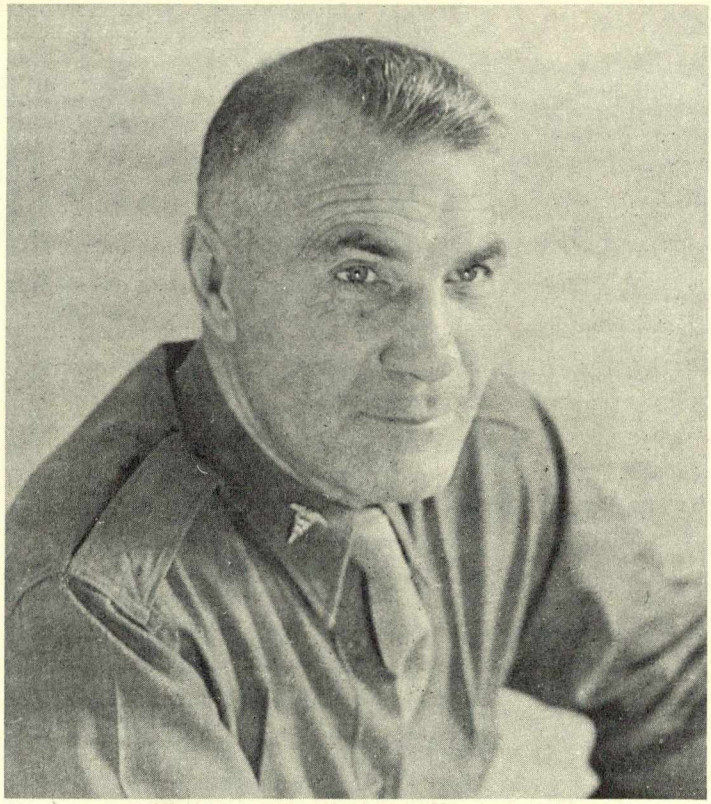
So being a good soldier, when we had completed the business which sent us to Los Angeles, we meandered out to Van Nuys where Birmingham General Hospital is located. Someone told us the hospital was just three miles to the west of Van Nuys, but it seemed much longer as the taxi drove along a two-lane highway into the San Fernando Valley. On arrival we found what is known as a typical cantonment type hospital, the popular type of construction during the present war, with closed connecting ramps between all wards.

The Commanding Officer, Col. Alvin C. Miller, received us very graciously and briefly covered his command and methods of operation. He then turned us over to an official guide, one of the officers of his staff, for a "look see" at the plant.

Birmingham was originally intended as a hospital for definitive treatment for patients, but later was designated as a debarkation hospital, while at the same time retaining a number of beds for patients who might be kept for definitive treatment. When built, the capacity was 725 beds, and this has been expanded to approximately 2,500 beds.

In the hundred separate buildings which comprise the hospital, there are the usual facilities in addition to wards for the care of the sick. It is well staffed by competent medical officers, and the location in the San Fernando Valley makes it a spot where men would recuperate quickly in the beneficial clime of that locality.

Birmingham General Hospital has received nationwide publicity as the result of the operation of what is known as the "Birmingham Plan." That was a program evolved after consultation with Los Angeles educational and industrial leaders. With the co-operation of the Board of Education of our southern sister city, a complete high school course was established in the hospital and what was then a marked departure from normal routine was the introduction of a plan by the Northrup



Colonel ALVIN C. MILLER, M.C.
Commanding Officer, Birmingham General Hospital.

Aircraft Inc., for the manufacture and assembly of small parts going into their airplanes.

Supervisors and instructors furnished by the company organized the well known "Department 99" where a standard hourly wage was paid to the patients who participated in assembling the vital aircraft parts for the P-61, the famous "Black Widow" night fighter.

Contrary to general opinion only a relatively small proportion of the patients enrolled in this paid, time-occupying pursuit. There was a limit placed on the number of hours each day—three hours—which might be spent in Department 99 and at no time did all of the men who were enrolled spend a full period of time allowed at the shops. The project proved to be very satisfactory in many instances and the profit motive was really secondary.

Birmingham's proximity to Hollywood has brought in wholehearted co-operation from the stars of radio and the screen world. The Hollywood Writer's Mobilization, a group of prominent radio and screen writers, acts as an advisory staff in the writing classes and sends its leading members to coach the writers. Musicians of the radio and moving picture studios are also available to provide patients with musical instruments and organize them for group production. In addition there are the usual projects found in the reconditioning program as established under the Surgeon General for the entire Medical Department. There is leather work, instruction in the arts and skills, plastics and ceramics and sightseeing trips to points of interest in the vicinity.

The courses of study prepared by the Armed Forces Institute which cover high school and college work are also available to the bed-patients and those who are ambulant. Entertainment is stressed where, in addition to informal programs in the wards by visiting movie stars, weekly radio programs are produced which feature those who have dramatic combat stories to relate. On one evening a week there is a "Town Meeting" held in the theatre of the hospital, where the individual has a chance to express his views on the topics under discussion. Competent speakers preside at these meetings and later act as referee in the questions which are shunted back and forth at the end of the meeting.

Birmingham General Hospital was named after Brig. Gen. Henry P. Birmingham, MC, U. S. Army, who died in 1932. Gen. Birmingham was a link between the Army Medical Corps of the old army in the days prior to the Spanish American War and the army which developed after World War I. The General was a fine type of rugged Medical Officer who was born in the school which taught him to care for the sick and wounded of the Army. under primitive conditions.

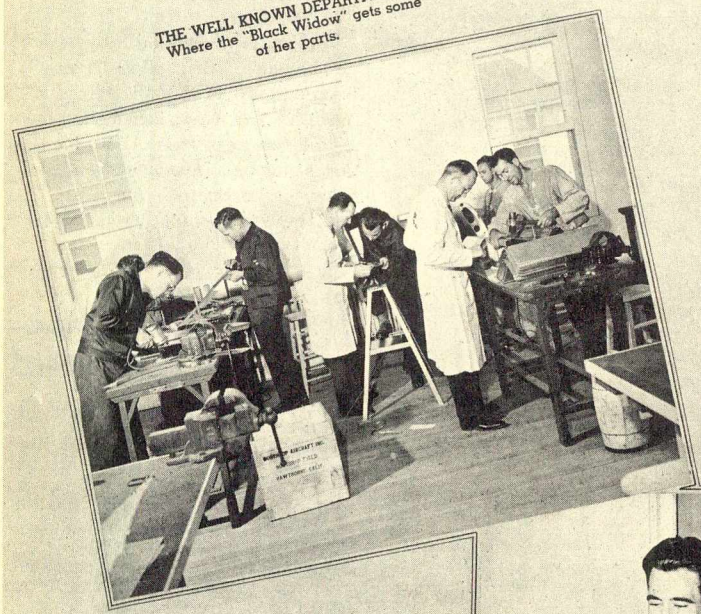
Col. Alvin C. Miller, the Commanding Officer is an army regular with more than 30 years service. In his record we find that he served with the Expeditionary Forces at Tientsin, China, during World War I, and was in command at Tripler General Hospital at Honolulu when World War II began. His performance of duty on that December day and the days following resulted in the award of the Legion of Merit for his distinguished service.

In addition to a high reputation for professional efficiency, Birmingham Hospital made an enviable record when according to official records the church attendance for religious services during the month of December added up to 95.9. This is a figure which it is believed has never before been equalled in any army command and to our knowledge there has been no close approach to such whole hearted participation in any religious program. Religious services are held in the large well appointed chapel, and chaplains of the three larger denomination groups are on duty. It speaks well for the chaplains when their efforts are crowned with such a magnificent percentage of attendance at divine services.

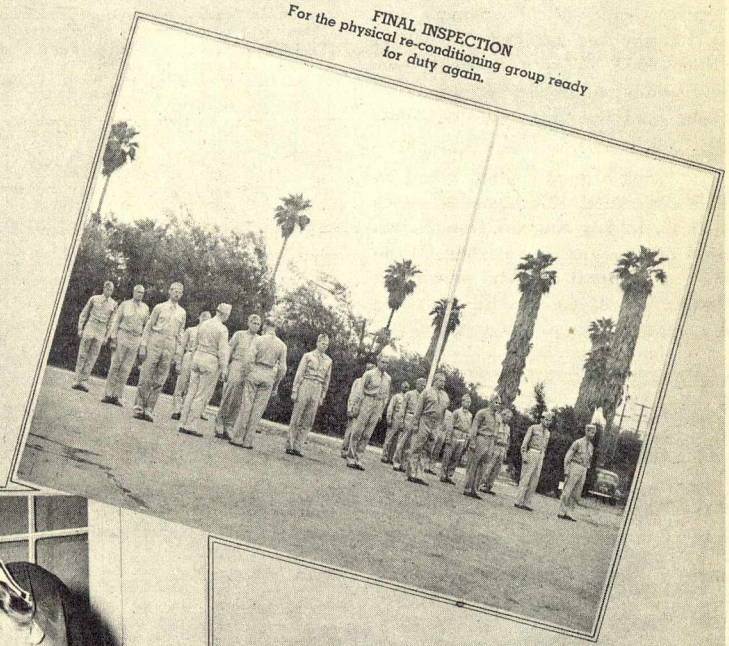
Birmingham General Hospital made every appearance of being a happy command. The courtesy demonstrated by all, from the Commanding Officer down to the young lady who sat at the Information Desk, produces a very pleasant impression on the visitor. It is a trite saying that any command is only as good as the top, and the way that Birmingham General Hospital accomplishes the mission assigned to it is sufficient evidence that its Commanding Officer, Col. Alvin C. Miller, is really "tops."

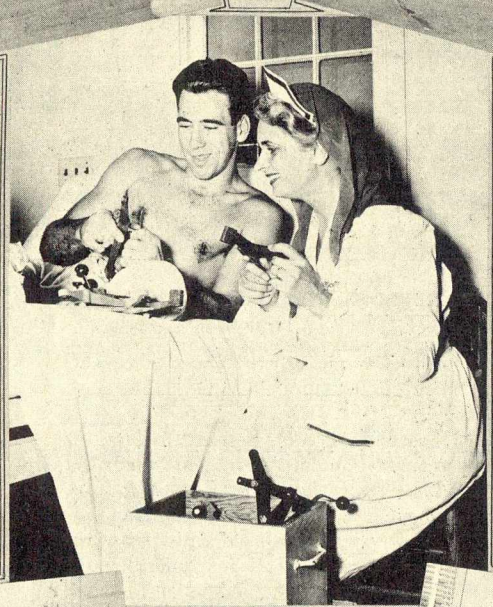
SCENES FROM THE ACTIVE COMMAND AT VAN NUYS

THE WELL KNOWN DEPARTMENT 99
Where the "Black Widow" gets some of her parts.



FINAL INSPECTION
For the physical re-conditioning group ready for duty again.



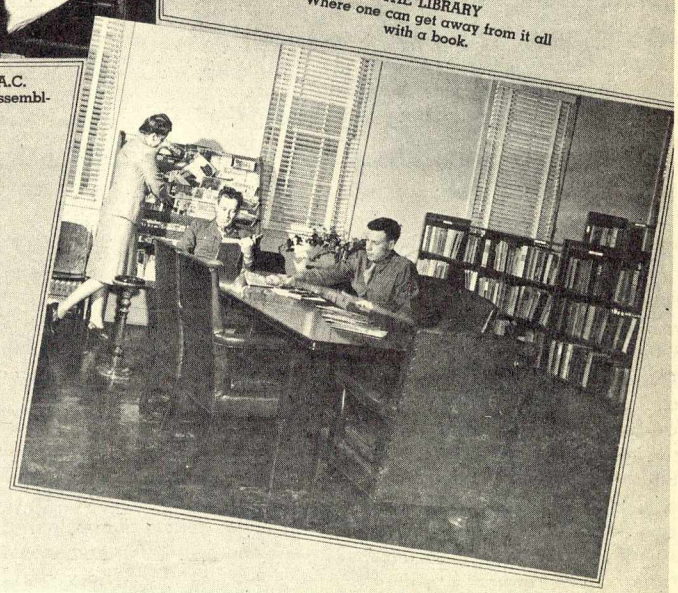


THE ART CLASS
Where life models furnish inspiration to students.



MEMBER OF THE V.A.C.
Assists bed patients in assembling small parts.

THE LIBRARY
Where one can get away from it all with a book.



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EDITORIAL

RENASCENCE

At Eastertide when the Christian world commemorates the resurrection of the Son of God there is a concomitant peace of soul. It is a spiritual peace derived from the thought of victory. It has its source in the victory of the Son of Man over death and the grave.

Easter comes at a season of the year when all nature is awakening. When the dormant seed in the ground springs to life, and the bud on the tree comes into blossom. In the human soul there is a rebirth of faith because the events of Eastertide turn men's thoughts to the achievement of the conquering Galilean.

This Easter season finds us still at war after three long years. A war that has cost us dearly in lives and material resources. A war that gives promise of stretching into other years yet ahead. A war that still calls for united effort if the peace is to be crowned with victory for our cause.

This Eastertide let there be a renascence of high resolve to do our part—each and every one of us—to the end that our sacrifices to date will not be in vain.

101st Gets Citation

ETO (CNS) — The first Presidential citation ever awarded to an entire division in U. S. Army history has been presented by Gen Eisenhower to the 101st Airborne for "extraordinary heroism and gallantry" in the epic defense of Bastogne last December



Word has trickled through from Camp Lockett that Captain **Elizabeth G. Klein,** long time former Lettermanite, has recently been advanced to that rank. Nice goin'.

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An advance notice has been received to advise Captain **May D. Hanawalt** of her selection for recruiting duty. Not nice goin'—we hate to lose her.

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Elevated to the office status this week was 1st Lieut. **Alice M. Curto** who is now an assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse.

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Someone writes to ask if Lieut. **Mary Tyrrell** is still charge nurse on Ward A-1. The answer is "Yes." Or she was when we went to press.

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Sojourning this week as a patient is 1st Lieut. **Beulah M. Greenwalt** who was among the recently liberated nurses from the Philippines.

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Another old timer, Lieut. **Marion Elliott,** who has been "over there" and back is now in charge of Ward "G."

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1st Lieut. **Ann R. Bakalar** queries from France if any paratrooper wears a 6½ C—that's her size in boots. Address on application from bona fide paratroopers only.

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Lieut. **Regina Burnett** likes San Francisco so well she asked for an extension on her current leave—and got it.

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Everyone happy over the promotion of Major **Mary M. Steppan,** Principal Chief Nurse for the Hospital Train Unit. She got her start at Letterman in 1938.

Leyte (CNS) — Headquarters personnel of the 5th Air Force—statistical experts, planners, members of the band, special service units, etc.,—came out from behind their desks and typewriters to help drive off 3 Japanese paratrooper attacks in 5 days during the Leyte campaign in December.

For their performance, the "noncombattants" were presented by an Infantry company with a Jap battle flag and 2 Jap rifles mounted on a board bearing the 5th Air Force shoulder insignia in one corner and the Infantry unit's insignia in the other.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Staff Sergeant Herman Knoller using the sing language and monosyllables to give instructions to his working detail with great success.

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Major Joseph S. McGuinness returning to Letterman and this time we hope he will stay.

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Sergeant Bob Bement just blooming with advance news on the good baseball team being organized for the coming season.

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Lieut. Arnold A. Erickson proving invaluable in his attention to details anent the whereabouts of LPWs at any given moment.

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Lieut. Col. Seth O. Craft playing patient this week on A-1—and doing well.

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And a few rooms down the corridor on the same ward—Colonel James W. Duckworth recovering from a little surgical procedure.

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Lieut. Charlotte Balkema admiring the new fashions for Easter in women's hats—and simply wishing.

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And spring in the air every where.

News From Home

Charleston, S. C. (CNS)—The State Legislature has defeated a bill which would have legalized divorce in this state. "It would let down the bars to wholesale sin," one legislator declared.

Charlotte, N. C. (CNS)—A local landlady ran an ad in the paper offering a room to rent to a man "who doesn't drink." The ad was answered by a truthful man who, when queried by the landlady admitted "I get drunk every night," then walked sadly away.

Indianapolis (CNS) — Bounced from a night club when the midnight curfew sounded, 4 local residents finished their drinks on the street. Police found them holding empty highball glasses and arrested them. The charge: illegally transporting liquor.

San Diego, Cal (CNS)—Mrs Era Wade sued a furniture store for $50 for alleged price ceiling violations. The court awarded her damages of 10 cents. "Thank you, judge," said Mrs Wade, "for practically nothing."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, April 1, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Engineers Needed

Unit commanders, both in the United States and overseas, who have within their command men qualified to attend the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Ft Belvoir, Va, are urged by the Office, Chief of Engineers, to accept applications from these men even though they haven't been assigned a quota. Qualified candidates from overseas particularly are desired, and, upon acceptance, either will be trained in the theater or returned to this country to attend the school at Ft Belvoir.

Commanders to whom no quotas have been assigned may forward applications through channels to the authority authorized to convene an officer candidate examining board. Chairman of boards will notify the Adjutant General's Office of the number of available applicants, with a request for a quota.

While an increasing number of Engineer enlisted men in the theaters of operations are earning direct commissions, this source falls "far short" of providing enough Engineer officers to meet the needs imposed by what often has been termed "an Engineers' War."

To aid unit commanders in determining whether a man is qualified to attend Engineer OCS, 2 general yardsticks may be applied: (1) leadership and ability to manage men and (2) such education or military or civil experience as will reasonably insure the candidate's satisfactory completion of the course.

Educational and experience qualifications in order of preference are: (a) graduate of an engineering college or technical institute or university; (b) one or more years of engineering college or technical institute or other college training; (c) special mechanical or engineering knowledge, obtained through practical experience, which is equivalent to graduation from an engineering college or technical institute; (d) high school graduate in a course which included algebra and plane geometry.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



EUDORA B. LOMBARDI, Pvt., WAC.

With the expansion of our enlisted WAC contingent here at Letterman, we find it a pleasant task to include this group of young ladies in our interviews of the detachment privates. So this week, our candidate for this column is another WAC Private—named Eudora B. Lombardi, New Jersey's gift to the Women's Army Corps and now LGH.

Private Lombardi received all of her education in Jersey City, and even started in at pre-med school. However, this was discontinued when she found the extensive studies confronting her just a little discouraging. At this point she turned to the business world for a place to earn her livelihood and this brought her her first job as a statistical clerk at the Bell Telephone Company in the little town of Jersey. It was while working there that she decided to join the WAC and she enlisted at Newark in January of 1943. She was then sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for her basic training and then there followed a series of transferring from one place to another. From Fort Devons, Mass., to Camp White, Oregon. After that came Camp Haan and then finally Letterman.

With this range of travel there was an equal varied range of duty entailed. This was due to her training as a classification specialist; from calisthenics instructor to acting 1st sergeant of the WAC company to which she was attached. And it is in the capacity of acting 1st sergeant that she performs her duties here.

As favorite pastimes the private enjoys riding, dancing and swimming. As a swimmer, her capabilities are remarkable since she has been authorized to give lessons in senior life-saving.

SCENE OF EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE HAS VERY INTERESTING HISTORY

San Francisco has often been spoken of as "the city loved around the world." San Francisco with her hills, is beautiful and were San Francisco a plain city, her fame might not be so far-reaching.

San Francisco, like Rome, is built upon seven major hills—Mt. Davidson, Sutro Crest, Twin Peaks, Telegraph Hill, Rincon Hill, Nob Hill and Russian Hill. Mt. Davidson, 938 feet high, the highest point and perhaps the most beautiful because of its tree-covered slopes, is of great interest to San Franciscans, especially in the spring when the slopes shelter over one hundred varieties of wild flowers and its crest becomes the mecca of the Easter Pilgrims.

The official elevation of San Francisco's highest hills from the Bureau of Engineering, City and County of San Francisco, are:

Mount Davidson	938 feet
Sutro Crest	920 feet
Twin Peaks (north peak)	903 feet
Twin Peaks (south peak)	910 feet
Buena Vista Peak	580 feet
Telegraph Hill	275 feet

This highest peak in San Francisco was not always covered with stately eucalyptus, cypress, cedar and pine. In the days when Don Jose de Jesus Noe owned his San Miguel Rancho, it was a barren, rocky hill, sheltering the quiet valley of the Mission from the winds of the Pacific. In 1852 this barren hill was surveyed by the Geodetic Coast survey under George Davidson, and named Blue mountain.

George Davidson came to California in 1850 and for five years was engaged in determining geographical positions from San Diego to the Canadian Border. In 1858, he married Miss Ellinor Fauntleroy of Virginia, whom he brought to California. They spent their honeymoon on Mt. Tamalpais, which he was surveying.

Professor Davidson never carried a gun, although his work caused him to travel many miles through territory of the Indians. Aside from Mt. Davidson in San Francisco, there is a glacier in Alaska and a mountain peak in Nevada (mentioned in Mark Twain's "Roughing It") named for George Davidson.

Ex-Mayor Adolph Sutro became a citizen of San Francisco after making a brilliant record as a mining engineer in Nevada. He purchased the San Miguel Rancho, and along the western slope of the hills began the planting of trees. The help of the school children, with their youthful enthusiasm, was enlisted, and with the employment of idle labor, young cedars, pines, cypress and eucalyptus began a sturdy

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GENERAL HILLMAN

General Hillman congratulates group to whom he has just awarded the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart. L. to R.: Major Fred G. Nasr, FA, F/Sgt. Byron L. Wagoner, Inf., Sgt. Wilbur B. Jellison, Inf., T/4th Gr. Edd Underwood, MD, Cpl. David O. Dodds, MD, T/Sgt. Thomas J. Mason, QMC. All of the above are liberated prisoners of war from the Philippines.

ON THE SPOT



BILLIE D. CARTER, Pfc., Infantry

The nerve straining intimacy of jungle warfare against the Japs impressed Pfc. Billie D .Carter of Jasper, Arkansas, more strongly than anything else during his six months overseas as a machinegunner in the 81st Infantry Division.

"At one spot on Peleliu," he related, "the Japs were only 100 yards or so from us, and we could hear them chattering all day—and orders being shouted around. At night they would crawl up to our positions, and toss hand grenades and mortar shells at us. The grenades and mortar shells were wired together, and the combination made a terrific explosion.

"It was hard to understand that kind of fighting. A Jap would snake his way yards and yards to our foxholes, throw his grenade and shell—then jump to his feet and scream in pidgin English, 'Kill me, kill me.' They did that time after time.

"The night I was wounded is another example of how close we live to the Japs in jungle fighting. We were on the alert at night all the time because the Japs kept infiltrating to harrass our rear positions and demoralize our riflemen. That night we heard some noise out in front and cut loose with the machinegun. A few minutes later, Jap mortar shells began dropping all over the place, and I was struck by a shell fragment."

The difficulty of fighting on Peleliu was due to the high ridge country. All supplies had to be brought in by a pulley arrangement and even the wounded had to be handled the same way.

Private Carter, whose mother, Mrs. Ada Carter lives at Jasper, Arkansas —received his basic training with the 81st Division at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and went overseas with it.

MEDICAL DETACH

A hearty welcome is extended to T/Sgt. Arthur A. Abrue and Sgt. Adolphus H. Cooper who joined the detachment during the week.

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A good time will be had by all of the following men who received their furloughs during the past week: Pvt. George N. Blackmon, with 25 days; T/Sgt. Joseph Pozin, T/3rd Gr. Walter E. Graham, and Pvt. Leonard V. James—each with 23 days; Pvt. Glen H. McWilliams with 21 days; T/4th Gr. Bruce S. Sloan and Pvts. Phillip J. Leist, Clinton H. Hill, Herman W. Goodman—who each received 17 days; Cpl. Abe E. Schnell and Pvt. Morris E. Hayes—got 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

The enlisted men being shown how to keep their wards neat and clean by our new WAC ward attendants.

The Presidio-Letterman baseball team shaping up into a good club having already won their first practice game.

Cpl. John E. Perkins taking a trip to Texas—his native state—and still claiming it is the only state in the Union.

S/Sgt. Chauncy D. Young sporting a new working jacket and really looking sharp.

Sgt. Albert Morrison becoming 'light-fingered' from turning his key to the entrance of Ward S-1.

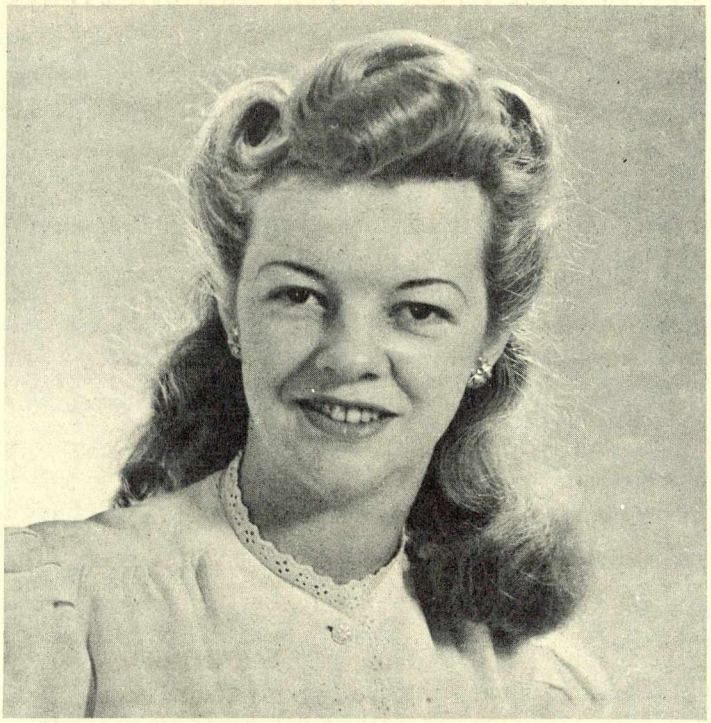
M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz really in a bad way—losing in pinochle—losing in bowling—and losing to his wife in a quick game of dominoes.

T/5th Gr. John Barsocchini putting on weight since giving up roller-skating. (What happened, did the fair sex give up this sport?)

T/5th Gr. Raymond J. "Goldie Locks" Jayne, of the Finance section walking around in the rain with his cap off to improve the growth of his hair.

T/Sgt. Frank S. O'Brien and his crew keeping the baggage room running smoothly with such a great increase in the patient overflow.

FOGHORN STAFF AUGMENTED—MEET THE YOUNG LADY ON RE-WRITE DESK



Mrs. DOROTHY G. MIX
Who joined the FOGHORN staff last week.

If the congestion continues on the second floor of the Administration Building a special post will have to be established to handle the additional traffic in and out of room 209 which is the location of the FOGHORN "Sanctum."

The extent of our popularity was completely disguised until Mrs. Dorothy G. Mix took over the re-write desk in the left hand corner, but developments since that event indicate the paper and the personnel who turn it out are truly an asset to the command. For a long time we ran a sort of unofficial information service, and that has bloomed like the flowers in spring. So many men have so many questions to be answered, and it is curious how many questions suggest other questions—and so it goes around here.

Mrs. Mix, in private life is the wife of Staff Sergeant Donald Mix, of the Army Air Forces, and it is almost three years since she became Mrs. Mix. She would prefer to have nothing but private life, but what chance has an attractive blonde, with a peaches and cream complexion, have for seclusion in a newspaper office? We'll answer that question: None.

Mrs. Mix was born in Kansas City Mo., but at an early age moved with her family to San Francisco. Here she attended Lowell High School and San Francisco Junior College. She has studied voice under local teachers for several years and likes nothing better than to sing at the Stage Door Canteen and the Presidio "Y." The young lady comes by her penchant for newspaper work quite honestly; her father is the manager of the Public Relations Department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Irate subscribers as well as readers with fancied grievances are no longer a menace to the peace and security of the sanctum. A gleam in the eye that bodes ill for someone instantly transforms into a glow of pleasure and delight at the sight of our new receptionist. You see, when Dot is not on the re-write desk she swings her swivel chair around and becomes our receptionist. In a word, the young matron is making herself very useful around here. In her role at the Information Desk she may not yet have all the answers but the odds are 10 to 1 she has heard all the questions.

Anyway, she is a welcome addition to the staff.

The Stork Was Here

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Laurence George,** a daughter, Frances Geraldine; born 25 March; weight 7 pounds 7½ ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Bernard Graham,** a daughter, Loretta Ann; born 25 March; weight 8 pounds 6½ ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **John Hughes,** a daughter, Susanne Frances; born 25 March; weight 7 pounds 2½ ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **James Roland Campbell,** a son, James Alan; born 24 March; weight 6 pounds 2¼ ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **James Coulter,** a son, John Richard; born 20 March; weight 7 pounds 1¾ ounces.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. **Joseph Ruebel,** a son, Joseph Peter; born 18 March; weight 6 pounds 14½ ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. **Louise Menconi,** a daughter, Karla Louise; born 22 March; weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Albert Novelli,** a son, Donald Albert; born 20 March; weight 7 pounds 4½ ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Harlan Firminger,** a daughter, Ann Laura; born 20 March; weight 5 pounds 7¼ ounces.

To Maj. and Mrs. **Morris Kirsner,** a son, Gary Lance; born 18 March; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Arthur John Richards,** a daughter, Carol Louise; born 22 March; weight 6 pounds 9½ ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **George M. Dinsmore,** a daughter, Carla Ann; born 22 March; weight 8 pounds ½ ounce.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **John Creamer,** a daughter, Susan Jullian; born 18 March; weight 6 pounds 12¾ ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Hoyt L. Eckols,** a son, Glen Robert; born 19 March; weight 9 pounds 6 ounces.

To Maj. and Mrs. **Charles Hiatt,** a daughter, Stephanie Lois; born 23 March; weight 7 pounds 8½ ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **Michael Sawnor,** a daughter, Michele Joanne; born 19 March; weight 7 pounds 8¾ ounces.

To Maj. and Mrs. **Harvey F. Garrison, Jr.,** a daughter, Helen Claxton; born 24 March; weight 5 pounds 1½ ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Joseph Engbarth,** a daughter, Martha; born 24 March; weight 4 pounds 7½ ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **James Donohoe,** a daughter, Patricia Ann; born 24 March; weight 7 pounds 8½ ounces.

Mt. Davidson Cross May be Seen from All Parts of City

An impressive new cross—a permanent structure of steel and concrete—now stands atop Mount Davidson, the highest point in San Francisco, as a lasting setting for the city's annual Easter service.

The cross towers 103 feet above the crest of the mountain, which itself is 938 feet high. By day it can be seen from most parts of San Francisco; at night, brilliantly illuminated by electric floodlights, it is visible from much greater distances —from ships many miles off the coast, from the Oakland and Berkeley hills, from many Peninsula communities, and other far-away points.

Seven hundred and fifty cubic yards of concrete, made of California sand, rock, gravel, and cement, were used in the construction. Thirty tons of re-inforcing steel and 30,000 feet of lumber for concrete forms were also required.

As an architectural and structural object, the new cross is outstanding. Its foundation goes 16 feet into solid rock, and consists of a cylindrical block of concrete 18 feet in diameter at the bottom and 14½ feet at the top. The shaft, 103 feet high, is 10 feet square at the base and tapers to nine feet at the top. The arms are nine feet square and measure 39 feet from tip to tip.

Around the base of the structure is a circular concrete platform 62 feet in diameter, in which is embedded a granite tablet. In a crypt under the tablet are several stones from the Garden of Gethsemane, and water from the River Jordan. The approach to the platform is a flight of seven broad steps facing east. They are 35 feet wide and are flanked with huge square buttresses.

Illumination is provided by 12 1000-watt floodlights, three each on four poles concealed amid trees about 80 feet away. Current is furnished through a special line built by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. It is said by well-known lighting engineers that this cross is the best outdoor lighted structure in the world.

The cross represents the handiwork of the late George W. Kelham, architect. H. J. Brunnier was the structural engineer. Details of the lighting installation were worked out by Hunter and Hudson, consulting engineers, and Monson Brothers

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SGT. MATHIAS HELPS MAKE MEN MERRY WITH MONEY FOR THEIR MEANDERINGS



Staff Sgt. WILLIAM R. MATHIAS, F.D.
The man who keeps the Letterman pay line moving.

In addition to his other claims for a place in history, Napoleon gets credit for saying that an army travels on its stomach but he would have been a few niches higher had he mentioned that a soldier with jack in his jeans is the soldier who really goes places—and the policy governing the Finance Section at Letterman is to help the soldier go places by providing the jack in a jiffy soon after he passes through our portals.

The man who double checks the payroll is a very important cog in the machine, and if you do not object to mixed metaphor, he can turn into a bottle neck at almost any time, but Staff Sergeant William R. Mathias has no use for bottles, to say nothing of necks, and he does preside over part of a very smoothly working machine to turn out dough for the doughboys and allied forces.

Sergeant Mathias is a native of Ely, Nevada, but really claims Oakland as his home. He is a graduate of Fremont Hi across the bay, and took accounting in business college when he graduated from high school. He had several years experience in his chosen field and was at one time on the staff of the Permanente Metals Corporation—a Henry J. Kaiser organization.

The sergeant was inducted into the military service in August 1942 at the Presidio of Monterey and was sent to Letterman a week later. He liked what he saw about this command and he has been here ever since. His accounting experience made him a "natural" for the Finance Section, so strange as it may seem, he was assigned to that duty. He was promoted to private first class in January, to corporal in February and to staff sergeant in April —all in the same year of 1943.

A popular impression has it there are two ways to do anything—the right way and the Army way—so the sergeant was sent back to the Finance School at Fort Benjamin Harrison to learn the Army way. In the secret methods taught only to Finance personnel he learned to merge both methods and come out solvent. No mean achievement viewed from our side of the fence.

The prominent characteristic of Sgt. Mathias is his unfailing courtesy, with efficiency a close second. He does a top rate job of getting the jack into the jeans of our GI Joes.

1960

The Presidio Follies that played at the Y.M.C.A. last night hit a new high when Sgt. Jimmy Calabrese of Headquarters Company walked away with the Honors in a Black Out called **"Stand In."** Jimmy was great especially the way he took the pie.

It seems that Jean Rains, one of the 1960 Drivers has been holding out on us. She was heard singing last night. Not bad, Jean, not bad.

We wondered why so many guys were hanging around a certain office here at Headquarters. Maybe it is because Cpl. John Kopacki's mother sends him home made cookies and cake about three times a month.

Your appointee, whose painful duty is to fill this column, has repeatedly requested contributions for publication in the Fog Horn. He feels exceedingly flattered by the conspicuous absence of interest shown so far. He knows, of course, that every member of this Unit delights in offering criticism, but very seldom any one who is willing to make improvements. And, surely, there is plenty of room for improvement. In a Unit the size of ours it is impossible for one man to know what is going on in the different Companies and Departments. No doubt, many little incidents occur daily which would be of interest to most of us, if only somebody would have the 'courage" to convey them to your "sad editor."

1960 welcomes Major William W. Wheeler, Captain Thomas R. Newman, Captain Philip Owen, Captain John M. Tavares, 1st Lieutenant Charles M. Francis, 1st Lieutenant Emanuel Hecht, 2nd Lieutenant Janet M. Hoffecker, and 2nd Lieutenant Anne R. Malin.

B Company is wondering what happened to the good bowling average of Sgt. Stanley Gosciniak and Sgt. Grant Kizer. Looks like the boys need a little pepping up.

1960 lost the bowling match last night to 2nd Signal Service Bn. They lost 3 out of 4 points possible.

This Week's Top Understatement

Saipan (CNS) — "The fighting on Luzon has begun to assume an aspect," the Jap radio announced after Imperial forces were driven from Manila and Bataan.

MORE ABOUT EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

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growth that has since developed into the stately trees of Sutro Forest. From this magnificent gift to the beauty of San Francisco came the lovely wooded slopes of Mt. Davidson.

By 1911 the young saplings had grown into sturdy trees, the tree-covered Blue Mountain's name was changed to Mt. Davidson in honor of George Davidson, the director of the Pacific Geodetic Coast Survey. In 1916 the United States Government recognized this name on its official records.

After the death of Mr. Sutro, Mr. A. S. Baldwin, of the firm of Baldwin & Howell, organized the Residential Development Company and acquired a large tract of land west of Twin Peaks. A part of this purchase was Mt. Davidson. All traces of its former bleakness had disappeared, and it was now covered with a thick growth of splendid trees beneath whose branches grew many varieties of wild flowers.

One of Mr. Baldwin's first efforts to improve the property was the building of trails along the sides of the mountain starting from the main roadways and reaching the summit over easy grades. More than two thousand dollars were invested in these pathways.

MORE ABOUT MT. DAVIDSON CROSS

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were the general contractors.

On March 24, 1934, at 7:30 p.m., Pacific standard time, President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a gold key in Washington, D. C., and over the Western Union Telegraph Company's wires sent a spark that ignited the electric current which illuminated, for the first time, the highest cross in the world.

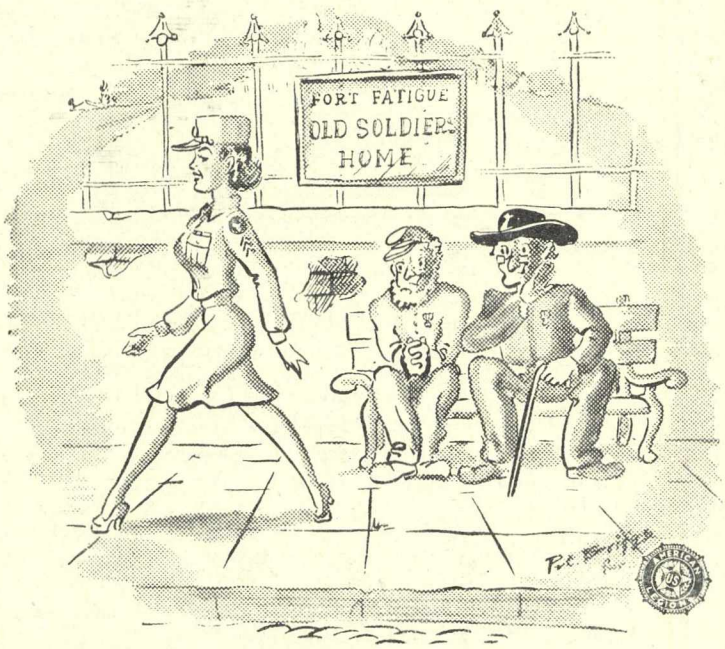
Knoxville, Tenn (CNS)—Grounds for divorce: Every night, George Buckner told the court, his wife Edith would awaken him at 2 AM by pounding his head with her fists. "It made me very nervous," he testified in a divorce petition.

Neshaba County, Miss (CNS)—Spring has returned to Neshaba. Indians are sleeping on the courthouse lawn once again.

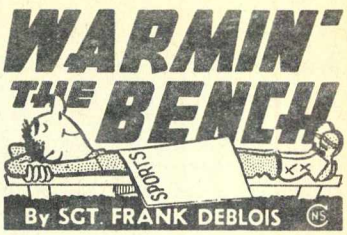


THE WACS ARE HERE

Part of a group of 28 members of the Women's Army Corps assigned to duty at Letterman. It is expected that two full WAC companies will form part of the Medical Detachment before the end of the year.



"Have to admit, Abner, the Army has made one improvement."



The Duke of Tralee

The Duke is dead. Roger Bresnahan, the Duke of Tralee, who caught Matty's slants on John McGraw's team when Big 6 was the greatest pitcher in baseball and the Giants rode arrogantly at the head of the National League parade, died in a rooming house in Toledo, Ohio, just the other day.

The Duke joined the Giants in 1901 and soon became the best catcher in the league. Because of his speed and his deadly place-hitting, he batted lead-off, an unheard of spot for a catcher. One of his favorite tricks was to rush up on the pitcher to get at the ball before it broke. Once he ran head-on into a fast ball thrown by Mordecai Brown and on his way to the hospital received the last rites of the church. But he was back behind the bat for Matty the next afternoon.

After leaving the Giants, the Duke managed the Cardinals and the Cubs for awhile. Then he bought the Toledo Mud Hens where bad luck began to hit him. He lost his money with the Hens, served for a while as a cop, a semi-pro manager, returned to the Giants for a brief spell as a coach, and wound up as a turnkey at the Toledo State prison.

The Duke was a broken, shambling figure at a big War Bond game in the Polo Grounds last summer. With some other old timers, he had been brought back to the scene of his glory to catch Walter Johnson when the Big Train faced Babe Ruth. But misfortune and illness had taken its toll of his once great physique and he could barely hobble to the plate. And after the game he sat alone in the shade of the dugout until some relatives came and took him away.

Few baseball fans of this generation recall the name of Bresnahan. But the thinning old guard remembers him well. For his name belonged to baseball when baseball belonged to the Irish—to McGraw and Arthur Devlin and Turkey Mike Donlan, to Big Ed Walsh and Silk O'Laughlin—to the Duke of Tralee and the Giants.

Voroyua, Wis (CNS)—Mr and Mrs George Turner, oldest members of Wisconsin's largest family, recently observed their 74th wedding anniversary. Mr Turner, 95, met his wife, 91, while both were attending a rural school here 80 years ago. They have 5 living children, 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Baseball Begins The Season with a Bang

The 1945 baseball season had an auspicious start on Wednesday afternoon when under sunny skies the team representing our command — Presidio-Letterman Buckos —defeated Fort Barry by a score of 10 to 1 in the opening game of the Army League.

In the pre-game ceremonies there was a concert by the 253rd Army Band from the Western Defense Command and the introduction of the individual players on each team. That part of the program concluded with the playing of the National Anthem.

Activity on the diamond began when Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman, toed the pitchers plate and tossed a perfect strike to Catcher Ed Payne. The general then withdrew and the main duty was assumed by Ted Coffey for the Buckos. 500 spectators including 300 patients gave the general a hearty cheer for the masterly fashion in which he threw the first ball.

The game itself was far from being a contest as the Buckos took the commanding lead in the first two innings and the result was at no time in doubt. Coffey did not allow a single hit in six innings and only allowed a total of three for the game. In addition to that he made two safe hits and four trips to the plate and looked very much like the man who will join the Brooklyn Dodgers pitching staff when the war is over.

The Buckos scored three runs in the first inning—in a single by Murphy, an error and a home run by Edwards. Two runs in the second and third games and a five run assault in the fourth practically settled the contest. It was not until the ninth inning that the Fort Barry team was able to put a run across the plate.

Attending the game and participating in the opening ceremonies in addition to General Hillman were Lieut. Colonel Ronald J. McDonald, Executive Officer, Post of Presidio; Major Lester J. Sawyer, M. C., Officer in Charge, Reconditioning Division, Letterman General Hospital; Captain Louis Jergemeyer, Special Service Officer, Post of Presidio; and Lieutenant A. L. Taro, Aide-de-Camp to General Hillman.

This afternoon the Buckos will meet the Camp Beale Stars. The game is scheduled for 1400 at the Presidio diamond.



GENERAL HILLMAN
Tosses one across the plate to open the baseball season.

General Hospitals Expanding by 70,000 Additional Beds

The Army's expansion of its general hospitals by 70,000 beds is being rapidly accomplished through the conversion of existing buildings on hospital grounds rather than through new constructions, according to the Office of The Surgeon General.

"At many of the general hospitals," said Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, USA, Assistant Surgeon General, "there are well-constructed barracks, built with an eye to the future, which were used to house overseas hospital units during their training period. These barracks are now being turned into wards for patients. Permanent barracks, built to house the hospital staff, are also being converted into wards and are being replaced with temporary barracks which can be quickly constructed."

Over 50,000 more patients are being cared for in the Army's general hospitals than was the case three months ago. During the past month about 1,200 casualties arrived from overseas daily.

Letterman has participated in this expansion policy with an increase from 2150 to 3500 beds. Almost all of these are for returned overseas patients with a small number reserved for some cases requiring definitive treatment.

In addition to the Dante Annex, there is under construction at present facilities for nearly 900 patients in the former Crissy Field area, to be known as Crissy Annex. It will be a self contained unit with a full professional and administrative staff, as well as recreation center and telephone, telegraph, and postal services.

EXTRA!!! PROMOTIONS THAT PLEASE HAVE COME OUR WAY

Coming just a day too early to give the impression that it might be an April fool joke were promotions for a number of the officers of the Army Nurse Corps on the Letterman staff. There had been something approaching stagnation in ranks for a long time but with the announcement of Saturday last we know that we are not among the forgotten people of the service.



CAPTAIN GIRARDE

Three of the Letterman nurses and one from the Hospital Trains were advanced to the rank of captain and 13 nurses were moved up to authorize the wearing of silver bars on their uniforms.

Leading the procession to the stratosphere was Captain Lillian C. Girarde, of the Hospital Train Unit, SCU 1960. She is a native of Santa Cruz, California, and had her professional training at San Joaquin General Hospital. Captain Girarde joined the Army Nurse Corps (regular Army) on 16 May 1940 and was immediately assigned to Letterman. She stayed here for almost a year and on 25 April 1941 was assigned to Alaska, being one of the group of eight Army nurses who were the first to take station in that territory. She remained there two years and in May of 1943 returned to Letterman where she was nurse in charge at the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. On the 25th of July 1944, she was transferred to the Hospital Train Unit, SCU 1960 and is on duty there at this time. Captain Girarde was promoted to first lieutenant, 14 April 1944 and to her present grade—26 March of this year. Her official title is: Assistant Director, Nursing Service, Hospital Trains, SCU 1960. Yes, she is single.

The leading lady of the Letterman contingent to be honored by the promotion is Captain Jessie A. Whytoshek. She is a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and got her professional training at Nanticoke General Hoscpital. Miss Whytoshek joined the Army Nurse Corps on 1 July 1941 at Letterman and has been here since that time. Her first assignment was to the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic, where she served for 18 months and later spent 6 months in the Fever Therapy Section. When the Central Service was established at



CAPTAIN GILES

Letterman in August 1943, Captain Whytoshek was assigned as the nurse in charge and she supervised the organization from the very beginning — bringing to that job a wealth of experience gained in civil life. The Central Service today—is second to none, in Army General Hospitals. And much of the credit for this efficient operation belongs to Captain Whytoshek. Before entering the Army, she did public health work for the Newport Township (Luzerne County) School Board and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with headquarters at Harrisburg. She also was attached to the staff at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City for three years. Captain Whytoshek became a first lieutenant in November 19444 and her present rank dates 27 March, this year.

The third of the trio to be elevated is Captain Margaret J. Giles, who was a native of Norman, Oklahoma, and a graduate of State University of Oklahoma in her home town, where she received her bachelor's degree in art. Her professional training was taken at McLean General Hospital, which is a branch of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass. Captain Giles has specialized in psychiatric nursing all during her professional career and came to the west coast in 1940 for a visit and still holds a return ticket. She just never got around to using it. Her civilian experiences were in the Los Encinas Sanitarium at Pasadena, where she was in service for three years. Captain Giles joined the



CAPTAIN WHYTOSHEK

Army Nurse Corps on 1 July 1943 at Letterman and was immediately assigned to the Psychiatric Section and has been there since that time. She was promoted to first lieutenant April 1944—and her present rank dates from 27 March.

Another on the list to be promoted to captain is Miss Leota Duke, native of Jefferson, Georgia, who made her professional course at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, capital of her native state. Capt. Duke joined the Army Nurse Corps in November, 1942 and came to Letterman for her first station. She was assigned to duty in surgery and in February, 1943 was designated nurse in charge. In September, 1944 she was transferred to the Dante Annex as nurse in charge of surgery, where she is at the present time.

Prior to entering military service, Capt. Duke was on the staff of the Mission Hospital at Huntington Park, California. She had also been connected with hospitals in Kansas, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina before coming to the Golden State.

The following nurses were promoted to first lieutenants: Ruby A. Morris, Fayette, Missouri; Ola V. Baxter, San Diego, Calif.; Cecelia D. Tursi, San Francisco, Calif.; Stella T.



CAPTAIN DUKE

Polofsky, Rocksbury, Mass.; Elsie L. Klinker, Lawton, Iowa; Rebecca V. Amend, Pittsburgh, Penna.; Betty E. Lewis, Portland, Oregon; Gertrude A. Humling, Sumner, Wash.; Edna Earle, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Marian D. Elliott, Oakland, Calif.; Eileen Badgett, Dennison, Texas; Clara L. Rockeman, Hector, Minn.; Catherine G. Veitenheimer, Muskegon, Mich.

Tea Dancing

For the servicemen in San Francisco, the St. Francis has started afternoon dancing using their regular band, the same band that plays for evening dancing.

Right now it is Ray Herbeck with his "Music with Romance" and they play every afternoon, except Sunday and Monday, from 4:30—6:00. The afternoon cover charge is only 25 cents a person, so it is possible to go dancing in the Mural Room at a very nominal cost.

Ottawa (CNS) — Charges of following in an automobile 2 girls riding in a street car were dismissed against Bill Reaney when the judge couldn't find a law against that in the books.

NURSES OF SCU 1960 HAVE THEIR OWN "PIN UP" BOYS



FRANK SINATRA
"To the Nurses of Hospital Train Unit SCU 1960--Best Wishes"



VAN JOHNSON
"To the Nurses of the Hospital Train Unit 1960, kindest regards"



SONNY TUFTS
"Best of Luck Always to Nurses of Hospital Train Unit SCU, 1960"

ALAN LADD
"All Good Wishes to the Nurses of the Hospital Train Unit SCU 1960"





CARY GRANT
"To the Nurses of Hospital Train Unit SCU 1960 - - Greetings"

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME WAC

The arrival of the first contingent of the new WAC detachment at Letterman should be a red letter day in our long history. The work accomplished by these women volunteers has merited the admiration of the hospital and sometimes the envy of their male counterparts.

Raised eyebrows and skepticism greeted the announcement of the plan to organize women for service rule. The British had done so with marked success and we felt no compunction in copying what was good from any army. The WAC has proved its value to the service under all conditions, both at home and abroad.

Letterman is late in adding the WAC to the components of this command, but we hope to make up for that by taking every opportunity to place them where they can be most effective.

Letterman warmly welcomes the WAC detachment, and we know they will add much to the Letterman tradition of service in the care of the sick and wounded.

MILLIONS WEAR EMBLEM OF HONORABLE SERVICE

More than 1,000,000 discharged veterans of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, have been issued the Honorable Service Button, Ninth Service Command headquarters announced today.



There was a farewell party given for Captain **May D. Hanawalt,** on Tuesday evening of this week, for she is scheduled to depart for a new station very shortly. The captain is such a favorite among the nurses here that everyone worked to make the party a huge success. And it was.

First Lieutenant **Alice M. Curto** was chairman of the committee, and the Nurses Recreation Hall was transformed into a cabaret for the evening with tables arranged about the room and a bar installed in one corner, and not only for atmosphere.

The evening started out with a toast to the honored captain by Captain **Ruth Wagner,** and Miss Hanawalt acknowledged the toast with a few words.

More talent was discovered among the usually sedate and conservative nurses of the staff and credit was given to the successful manner in which 1st Lieutenant **Nina P. Brandt** handled her role as Mistress of Ceremonies. A very gay and hilarious floor show was put on with 2nd Lieutenant **Marian H. Mackenzie's** delightful characterization of a swami, starting it off. The amazing potions and remedies which she concocted to assure her victims "everlasting something or other"—drew much attention and hilarity.

A little comment could be made here about 1st Lieutenant **Ola V. Baxter** and her unusual interpretation of the 'Fan Dance.' And 1st Lieutenant **Hazel H. Webb's** charming warblings of a hill-billy number and 'Deep Purple' were really 'terrific!' First Lieutenant **Blanche V. Snyder** also burst into song with 'Love Them All.'

In addition the cadet nurses lent their talents: A little skit entitled 'Cadets on Revue' was presented. Then a little jitterbug number with all the trimmings and costumes appropo to the timely dance by Misses **Beverly M. Brines** and **Madge M. Bradley.**

Miss **Helen A. Delaney** enchanted the gathering with two currently popular songs and then joined Miss **Dorothy Tippett** in an exhibition waltz number. The finale was a 'Can-Can' affair that brought the evening to a very nice ending.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Mrs. **Helen E. Diez** on the trail of a file and no FBI agent ever more diligent.

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Major **Edward T. Curren** passing out PPC cards as he left for Chicago and ultimate return to civil life.

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Mrs. **Irene Wallace** handing the PRO business with finessee and despatch during the absence of the lieutenant.

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Lieut. Colonel **John D. Lamon,** Jr., signing in and taking over as the Chief of The Surgical Service. Welcome!!!

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Letters from Lieut. **Louise Anschicks, via Chicago,** and Lieut. **Phyllis A. Iacobucci,** via Corning, N. Y., to say all is well with them and sending greetings to all here.

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Lieut. **William R. Moody** moving the scene of his activities as Personal Affairs Officer back to room 217 in the Administration Building.

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Pvt. **Bob Smith,** recently from Leyte, sending the first despatch to the Boston "Globe" the sheet for which he worked for 13 years before Uncle called him to the colors.

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Major **Robert E. Roseveare** very happy over the imminent return of Mrs. R. from internment in the Philippines.

AVERAGE SIZE ARMY MAN REVEALED

From tables showing frequency of issue of clothing by the Quartermaster Corps, the predominant sizes worn by the present day Army men are 7 to 7½ hat, size 9 gloves, 15 shirt with 32 inch sleeve length, 36 "regular length" jacket, trousers with 32 inch waist and 31 inch leg length, size 11 socks and size 9-D shoes.

POTATOES DEHYDRATED FOR ARMY SULPHITED

Beginning July 1, 1945, potatoes dehydrated for Army needs must be sulphited, a process by which the color, general qualities and storage life of the potato are improved, it was learned today at Ninth Service Comamnd headquarters.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, April 8, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

OUR MAIL BAG

The following comes from Major O. C. (Clem) Helming.

It is beginning to be apple blossom time in Normandy and the fields are becoming green. The farmers are plowing with their beautiful brown and gray dapple horses, tilling again many fields which have lain idle for several years, in preparation for a big harvest this year, a harvest which they hope to call their own. Meanwhile, we care for the ill and wounded, the result of a different kind of plowing and harrowing, the cleavage of human lives, torn from life and their roots in America. Hey, I'll have to cut this out —sounds too much like a preacher. I can't say that I enjoy being away from home or my many good friends at Letterman, but aside from that, I am very happy to be here. We are beginning to work and although the process of getting the hospital running well is accompanied by some pains and moaning, it is beginning to function. I am Chief of the medical service and have a very capable and willing staff. Say hello to all my friends at Letterman, especially to General Hillman, and Cols. Herbert, McClintic, Paull, Patterson, Bogart, Stewart and Majors Sawyer, Campion and Ervin. Could you send me the Fog Horn?

Yours,
Clem Helming
224th General Hospital,
APO 562, c/o P. M., New York.

MEDICAL BADGE AUTHORIZED

A Medical Badge, in recognition of service rendered during combat by members of the Medical Department assigned or attached to the Infantry, has been authorized by the War Department.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



RUTH M. GODWIN, Pvt., WAC.

With the welcoming of our new WAC detachment, it was only natural that we should want to know more about them, and so we tossed a few questions in the direction of a pert young miss wearing harlequin glasses, and came up with the following information about Ruth M. Godwin, WAC private, and Dental Laboratory Technician at Letterman.

Our WAC of the week was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, but the lure of the West called her and she went "Hollywood," graduating from Hollywood High. For 15 years she called Hollywood home, in the meantime fortifying herself with a business education that took her out into the cold cruel world where she made her mark as office manager for an architectural concern and Chief Stewardess for Douglass Aircraft in Long Beach after Pearl Harbor.

While working for Douglas, Private Godwin cast longing glances in the direction of the Women's Army Corps, but it was not until October 2, 1944 that she was able to obtain a release from vital industry and effect her enlistment in the WAC.

Basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, was followed quickly by medical training at Camp Atterbury, Indiana and her recent assignment to Letterman General Hospital.

Private Godwin is happy to be stationed in California, and more particularly in San Francisco as it is new to her and she can explore China Town to her heart's content and visit points of civic interest. She is enthusiastic in her praise of Letterman.

One of Private Godwin's hobbies is saving service patches. Judging by her warm smile and cheerful disposition, her collection should become complete before very long, forcing her to go in quest of new hobbies to conquer.

Selectees Get Tough New Basic; Combat Influences Their Training

By Camp Newspaper Service

Although the Army reached its designated strength a short time ago, men still are being inducted at the rate of about 950,000 a year. Selective Service officials estimate.

A large percentage—how large is an official secret—is going into the Army, where a training program of considerable proportions still is in effect, for training as replacements. Of those who go into the Army, a big majority wind up in Infantry Replacement Training Centers.

Military life is just beginning for these men, many of them youngsters of 18, although we've come a long way on the road to victory, both in Europe and the Pacific.

What kind of training are they getting? How does their "basic" differ from that endured by GIs now in overseas theaters back in '41, '42 and '43? And to what extent have the lessons learned in combat influenced training methods?

In an effort to obtain an authoritative answer to these questions, CNS sent a staff man to interview L/Col H. W. Dammer, Assistant G-3, Army Ground Forces. Col Dammer has some special qualifications. He served as Executive Officer with the famed Rangers in Italy and North Africa.

Viewing the subject from the vantage point of experience in both combat and training, Col Dammer arrived at two main conclusions:

1. Basic is a lot more rugged, physically, than it was in the days before he went overseas in '42.

2. It is also more "realistic," —better geared to the practical necessities of the job at hand.

"I get a feeling of high power from the present program that was absent in the early days," is the way Col Dammer puts it.

Of the physical training phase, he says, "the trend over a period of time toward conditioning through use of obstacle courses continues. Such conditioning is designed to improve a man in agility and the handing of his body rather than merely his feet and legs. At the same time, marches and hikes also are stressed."

The lessons learned in combat find their way into the training program in two ways—by being incorporated into official training doctrine after evaluation by G-3 and through personal contact between new men and veterans with combat experience.

"Over a period of time," Col Dammer says, "personnel in this headquarters, in IRTCs and even in units has gradually included people who have had overseas service."

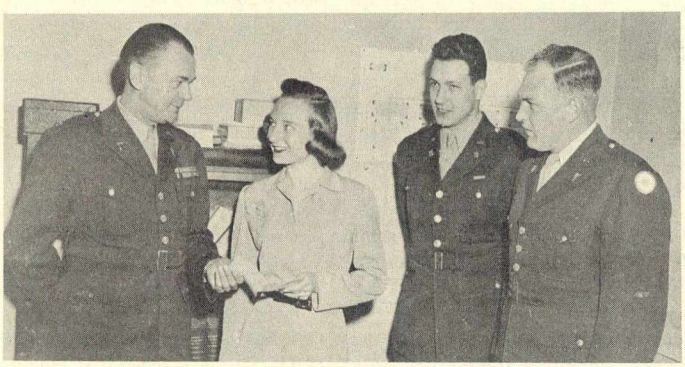
Some of the changes incorporated into training doctrine are still not for publication but here are a few cited by Col Dammer:

Use of overhead artillery in small unit problems: Field artillery pieces operate as they would in battle in support of the units during tactical problems. All IRTCs have a battery or more of field artillery for this purpose.

Revision of Extended Order Drill: As revised, the squad is broken down, under the "Able-Baker-Charlie" system, into 3 groups. The "Able" group includes the scouts; the "Baker" group the BAR men and the "Charlie" group the riflemen. The squad or platoon leader can move the groups independently to meet specific problems.

First Aid: As a result of experiences in the field, instruction in First Aid, Hygiene and Sanitation is much more thorough. Malaria prevention and control is stressed and knowledge gained in Africa, Italy and the South Pacific utilized.

Information and Education: Greater efforts are being made to keep men informed and to give them a feeling of personal responsibility in the war.



CASH FOR IDEAS

Major Leslie D. Snyder presents award to Mrs. Helen Jensen for improved filing suggestions, while Lieut. George J. Kaplan and Lieut. Karl A. Gertenhouse look on.

ON THE SPOT



BENNY LA BELLA, Pvt., Infantry

Japs and the jungle make a tricky combination but, according to Private Benny La Bella, 22-year-old Denver, Colorado, rifleman, the American infantryman is more than a match for them.

Private La Bella, son of Mr. and Mrs. James V. La Bella, of 1733 West 39th Avenue, Denver, invaded Morotai Island, with its air fields flanking the Philippines, with an Infantry diviison last September, and before that saw weeks of jungle combat in the Atape, New Guinea, operation.

"We didn't have it so bad on Morotai," he declared. "The Japs there were either a cracked-up outfit or green, and we caught them flat-footed besides. Aitape was worse. There were full-scale attacks there, and the living conditions were much worse. It's hard to explain combat to any body. There's a lot more to it than shooting and being shot at. Some of it I remember best was the in-between periods, wading through swamps up to our armpits, sleeping wet and stuff like that.

"Another thing you don't forget is how some of the men acted in tight spots. There was a platoon sergeant who was hit in the chest by a Jap grenade one nght when he was in a foxhole with several other men. He grabbed the grenade, knowing it would go off any second. Instead of throwing it, and probably killing some of the men in other foxholes, he jammed it down against the ground outside the hole. It blew his hand off, but saved the lives of the men in the hole with him.

Private La Bella has earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

MEDICAL DETACH

A hearty welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week: T/Sgt. John A. Harrell, Luverne D. Boland, Sgt. Glenn Retchless, Sgt. Russell V. Woods, T/4th Grade Francis X. Plouf, Jr., Cpl. Cecil O. Willworth, T/5th Grade Sam A. Mossafer, T/5th Grade Aral M. Lucas, Pvts. Pete T. Vukasovich, and Arlen F. Duke.

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A good time will be had by all of the following men who received their furloughs during the past week: S/Sgt. Robert F. Brothers, T/5th Grade James E. Murray, Pvt. James E. Shaffer, each with 25 days; T/3rd Grade Claude G. Hart, T/4th Grade Kenneth R. Myles, T/4th Grade Anthony S. Inserra, Cpl. William E. Dehn, T/5th Grade Fred Holmes, Pvts. Ray B. Deaton and Vincent A. Canizaro, each with 23 days; S/Sgt. Isaac T. Hatton and Pvt. Robert E. Stevens, each with 21 days; Pvt. Rupert Leech, with 19 days; T/Sgt. John V. Ryan, Pvt. Donald A. Floto, each with 17 days; Cpl. John E. Perkins, T/5th Grade Fred W. Krueger, T/5th Grade Robert E. Goode, Pvt. Urban Louis—15 days, and S/Sgt. Alford A. Wilson—10 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. Benjamin Weitz now believing that the California sun is one and the same that burns people in Brooklyn.

Pvt. Karl L. Kifflen well on the way to recovery after a siege of sickness which confined him to Ward "G."

S/Sgt. Rudolph O. Shellhorn trying to find a new sport that doesn't require too much movement but will effectively reduce the waistline.

Cpl. Wallace Brurud a new Letterman "POP" as of last Saturday when his wife gave birth to a baby girl at the annex. Mother and baby are doing nicely—Father—a little weak in the knees.

T/4th Grade Christopher F. Gannon and Pvt. Angelo Rossi carrying that same little black satchel—day after day—(What's in it fellows?—your lunch!)..

T/4th Grade Wallace E. May back from furlough—and again all feminine hearts pitter patter.

MRS. BARTLETT AND HER GRAY LADIES ARE CLOSE TO INDISPENSABLE HERE



Mrs. MARJORIE BARTLETT
Chairman—Letterman Gray Ladies.

If someone were to ask us which of the luxuries enjoyed by the patients at Letterman has paradoxically become a necessity the immediate answer would be the Gray Ladies. Those gracious volunteers, giving freely of their time to enhance the comfort of our sick and wounded, hold first place in the hearts of all of us.

The splendid organization which favors us with their much appreciated help is not something that just happened. It has taken a long time to build and one of the reasons for the success of our group is the presence of its chairman, Mrs. Marjorie Bartlett, who has been with it from the beginning.

When the first Gray Lady class was organized in 1936 at Letterman, Mrs. Bartlett became a member and in 1941 became chairman of the group. In that capacity she supervises the work of a corps of 77 Gray Ladies; assigns their days and hours of duty, and attends to the multitude of detail which must be managed where so many generous people are gathered together and working for a definite goal.

The motto of Mrs. Batrlett is "A Gray Lady on every ward—every day." The duties of these good people consist generally of personal service to the sick and wounded. They read for some and write for others. They distribute and arrange flowers at bedside tables and the familiar little two-deck-cart carries the creature comforts which mean so much to a man who is bedfast.

Mrs. Bartlett is ably assisted by three vice-chairmen in supervision of the Gray Ladies: Mrs. Theo Gray at the main hospital; Mrs. Ruby Colton in the east hospital, and Mrs. Margaret Brook for the Gray Ladies who work in the evenings.

It is obvious that the Gray Lady program is not a one-woman job and the generous cooperation of all who wear that uniform make their notable achievements possible. But the entire program is built around Mrs. Bartlett—and to her and through her the sick and wounded of Letterman wish to express their appreciation in every way—to the ladies in gray.

1960

On Monday evening, April 9 at the Letterman Recreation Center (near street car stop), there will be a free dance for the enlisted men of our Unit, starting at 2000. Music will be furnished by our own band. T/Sgt. H. Vines is in charge of refreshments. Make a date for the dance now, but we have extra girls, just in case.

Special Services have created a softball diamond in the area, west of Detachment 2. The field is available every day from 1300 to 1500. See Sgt. Lopes for all baseball equipment.

Judging from personal observation, the new Deachment Commanders already have the enlisted men's stamp of "O. K." They are Capt. William L. Gilbert, Capt. Francis F. Demarest, Capt. James J. Garvin, and Capt. Alfred Crocker.

Our commanding officer, stopped by the other morning to tell our boys in the band what a nice job they were doing—just another reason why Lt. Col. Nelson has the reputation of being a "G.I.'s" idea of a real "C.O."

Pfc. Jimmy Cox is doing a swell job as orderly in our attractive day room located in Building 908. Incidentally there has been a new telephone booth installed which is really something, especially on rainy days.

The bowling team split, two points each, last Monday evening with SCU 1927. The 1960 averages were: Sgt. Aarons 175, Pfc. Demer 157, T/5 Bottemiller 151, Sgt. Gosciniah 148, T/5 Kramer 145.

You might be interested to know that Cpl. Ray Stewart is the "G.I's" idea of one swell C.Q. We sorta like the way you have of waking us up in the morning—that's all.

Congratulations to Capt. Lillian C. Gerarde, ANC, on her recent promotion from 1st lieutenant—also congrats to T/5 Kenneth H. Burns, T/5 William L. Musgrove and T/5 Anthony L. Solamone on promotions from pfc.

THAT MAN'S A HERO

. . . If he is wearing a service ribbon of silk moire with two outside stripes of blue and the center containing 13 white and red stripes of equal width.

The wearer of this ribbon has been decorated with the Soldier's Medal for "heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy."



To T/4th Grade and Mrs. **Joseph T. Pruitt** a son, Joseph Arthur; born 28 March; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Charles Poffenberger** a daughter, Geraldine; born 27 March; weight 5 pounds.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **William W. Pope** a daughter, Dixie Lee; born 28 March; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Herbert Goldstein** a son, Jay Ellis; born 27 March; weight 6 pounds 12 ounces.

To W. O. and Mrs. **Otto J. Brechtelsbauer** a son, James Erwin; born 28 March; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. **George D. Schauer** a daughter, Lynne Diane; born 27 March; weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Le Roy C. Henson,** a son, Richard Le Roy; born 25 March; weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Ernest S. Turner,** a son, Ernest Avery, Jr.; born 18 March; weight 8 pounds 2 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Wallace Volz,** a daughter, Linda Ruth; born 18 March; weight 2 pounds 5 ounces.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances, April 14th and 28th at 9 p.m., which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, Calif. Junior hostesses will be on hand to welcome you.

Take No. 1 or No. 4 cars on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard.



"Charlie, do you ever think about putting something aside for a rainy day?"

COLONEL PATTERSON LEAVES FOR HIS NEW STATION AT BUSHNELL GH



Colonel RUSSEL H. PATTERSON, MC.
Chief of Surgical Service who moved this week to Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah, where he will assume a similar title.

Flying into the rising sun, Col. Russel H. Patterson who has been Chief of the Surgical Service at Letterman for the past 26 months, left on an early morning plane on Thursday for a new station at Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah.

During the period in which he headed the surgical side of Letterman, Col. Patterson developed one of the best organizations within the entire Army. He devised methods for the rapid reception and coding of incoming patients that contributed much to the facility with which other departments of the hospital were able to coordinate their part in the speedy evacuation process.

Before coming to active duty early in 1943, Col. Patterson was an outstanding surgeon in New York City, where he was a full visiting surgeon and Assistant Director of the Cornell Surgical Division in Bellevue Hospital. He is a native of Georgia and a graduate of the university of that state, and received his medical degree at Harvard University with the class of 1918. Prior to graduation he was a member of the enlisted reserve corps in World War I. His professional affiliations include the Founders Corps of the American Board of Surgery, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the New York Academy of Medicine—an organization limited to 70 members—a member of the Eastern Surgical Society, the American Society of Tromatic Surgeons and the New York Academy of Medicine.

During his tour at Letterman, Col. Patterson earned the respect and admiration of his associates in the medical profession and he carries with him the best wishes for continued success in his new field of labor.

Cash Award Given Civilian Employee For Suggestion

Mrs. Helen Jensen of San Francisco, assigned to the Training and Employee Relations Division at Letterman, is the first civilian employee of the hospital to receive a cash award under the suggestion plan of the War Department. Her idea, an improved method of filing, will save her division manhours equal to two full working days a month.

At a special ceremony attended by First Lieutenant George J. Kaplan, AUS, and Second Lieutenant Karl A. Gertenhouse, MAC, members of the suggestion committee, Major Leslie D. Snyder, MAC, Director of the Personnel Division, expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Jensen for her interest, and presented her with a $5.00 check.

Under the employee suggestion plan cash awards ranging from $5.00 to $250 are made for suggestions which result in economy and improvement in the administration of the War Department, as well as suggestions for better manufacturing processes in factories. All civilian employees are encouraged to make any suggestions which may eliminate waste, conserve material and speed up production. Suggestion boxes supplied with special forms on which to submit ideas are located in strategic places throughout the hospital, by the outpatient clinic, by the Post Exchange bulletin board, on the third floor of the Administration Building, in the service club and by the mess hall bulletin board at Dante Annex.

A special committee made up of both civilian and military representatives meets regularly to consider suggestions, and decide which ones are worthy of an award. The merits of each idea are carefully considered, and the committee is anxious for all personnel at Letterman to submit any ideas that they might have for consideration and a possible cash award.

Medal of Honor to Pvt Towle

ETO (CNS)—For singlehandedly breaking up a German counterattack of 100 enemy infantrymen, supported by 2 tanks and a halftrack on Sept 21, 1944, near Oesterhout, Holland, the Medal of Honor was awarded, posthumously, to Pvt John R. Towle, Co C, 504th Parachute Infantry, a rocket launcher gunner and former drill press operator of Cleveland.

This Might Be A Record Phone Call

"Hey, fellows, come and talk to the family!" shouted the tall Texan leaning out of the telephone booth in Letterman Hospital and calling to patients anxiously awaiting their turn at the telephones to call their own families. S/Sgt. Leonard Gibbs, one of the liberated prisoners, was just making his daily call to Willis, Texas, his home town. Every day that he was stationed at Letterman regular as clockwork the lanky sergeant called his home town. He talked to his mother, his sisters, his friends. One time when his mother informed him that she had to leave he talked to the telephone operator in Willis. The length of time that he talked didn't worry the sergeant either, in fact he holds the record for one of the longest calls from Letterman, 62 minutes when he talked to his mother.

New Arrivals

Eight second lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Corps have recently arrived at Letterman to take over various administrative duties in the different divisions of the hospital.

The new arrivals include Second Lieutenant Arnold A. Erickson, MAC, Assistant Chief of Receiving and Evacuation Branch; Second Lieutenant Edward A. Clark, MAC, Assistant to Chief Medical Detachment; Second Lieutenant William J. Murray, MAC, Assistant to Chief, Medical Detachment, Dante Annex; Second Lieutenant Albert A. Green, Jr., MAC, Assistant to Director of Personnel Division; Second Lieutenant Carter D. Burke, MAC, Assistant to Chief, Receiving and Evacuation; Second Lieutenant John D. Miller, MAC, Assistant to Chief Dietetics Branch; Second Lieutenant John L. Martin, MAC, Property Officer, Dante Annex, and Second Lieutenant Rogers M. Cox, MAC, Assistant to the Provost Marshal.

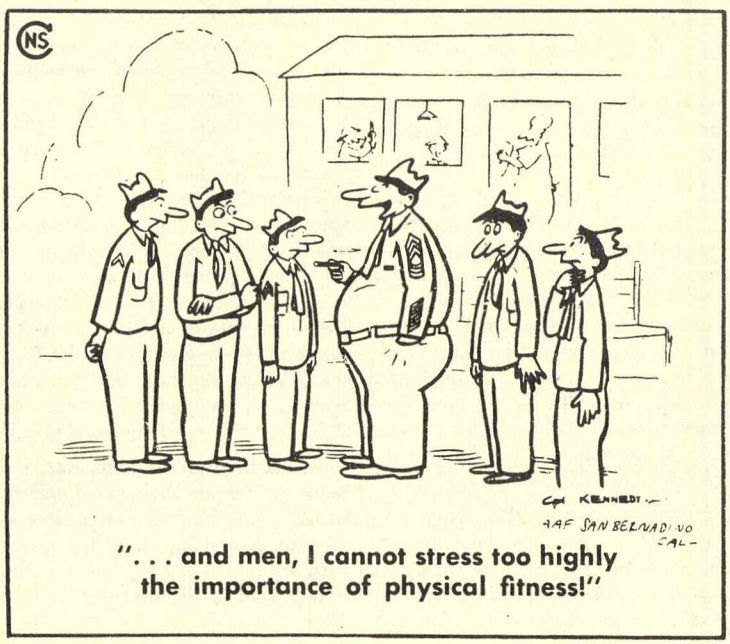
Good Work

From January 1 to March 31, the Southern Pacific War Activities Committee has distributed the following articles to approximately 66 trains carrying war-wounded across the Continent . . . 2,494 chocolate bars, 19,076 candy bars, 18,400 gum sticks, 87 packages of mints, 52,800 cigarettes, 54 decks of playing cards, 18 picture puzzles and various books and magazines.

Battle Ground Of The Near Future



This is the east coast of China, where a great decisive battle of the Japanese war will be fought. Adm Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet Commander, says Allied forces will land here and seize a port for operations against the Japanese mainland. The invasion of China has been hastened by the U. S. naval victory in the 2d battle of the Philippines in October, 1944, when the Jap fleet was destroyed as an effective fighting force.



". . . and men, I cannot stress too highly the importance of physical fitness!"

Certain Wounded Enlisted Men May Be Discharged

Enlisted men wounded in combat —other than those returned to the United States for temporary duty —who have been returned from overseas may be discharged upon their request under certain provisions, the War Department announced today.

The provisions are: (1) They are physically classified as permanently limited assignment; (2) have been awarded the Purple Heart; (3) have been determined to be surplus to the needs of the Army as a whole.

No enlisted man will be considered surplus if an assignment is available appropriate to his grade; if such an assignment would release for overseas shipment a man who has not had overseas service, or if the returnee can with a reasonable amount of retraining be effectively utilized.

First determination of surplus will be made by the major command—Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces, or Army Service Forces —to which the soldier is assigned. If this command finds the soldier surplus, he will be sent to a personnel center where the other two major commands will make their determinations. If no assignment exists for the soldier, he will be transferred to a separation center for discharge.

It was pointed out that this is an extension of the policy adopted a year ago providing for the discharge of combat-wounded personnel who, as a result of their wounds, are permanently below the minimum physical standards of the Army. These men, however, are retained in the service if they specifically request it, provided their physical condition permits any reasonably useful employment.

Stilwell Says IRTC Builds 'Good Soldiers'

Washington (CNS) — Gen Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, told a press conference recently that more training for Infantry replacements would be desirable and might even lower casualty rates. But the war in Europe is moving so rapidly, he pointed out, that lengthening the training period also would lengthen the war and would result in greater loss of life. The replacements being turned out now by training centers, he asserted, are "good soldiers."

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New Visiting Nurse Program Installed For Civilian Staff

In further recognition of the part played by the civilian employee in the accomplishment of the mission assigned to Letterman in its role as the chief debarkation hospital for the Pacific Combat Area, a new project has been adopted to enhance the welfare of the men and women who are such a vital part of this command.

Beginning this week there was added to the civilian staff a visiting nurse whose duties are to visit the employees who are sick in their homes and assist in their care in co-operation with the doctor who has been in attendance on the patient.

This added service should prove very helpful in recognizing early symptoms indicative of a potential serious subsequent development from the standpoint of health. Most people are inclined to treat lightly many of the ills which flesh is heir to, especially in the early stages, and all too frequently the serious nature of an ailment is not discovered until it has made unfavorable progress.

Under the new arrangement all supervisors will report immediately to the personnel office all cases of absence due to illness among members of their staffs. The personnel office will in turn notify the visiting nurse who is prepared to make an early personal call on the employee who is confined to residence by illness.

The civilian force at Letterman has increased manyfold in the past four years and every one has a vital position in the achievement of the task assigned us. The morale and contentment of the employees has a bearing on the efficiency with which the

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1st Lt. ELIZABETH E. REESE, WAC
Letterman pioneer WAC transferred to Baxter General Hospital this week.

Lieut. Reese Leaves Today for New Post

First Lieutenant Elizabeth E. Reese, WAC, who has been the Public Relations Officer here for the past 14 months, leaves today for her new station at Baxter General Hospital in Spokane, Washington.

Lieut. Reese was the first WAC to be assigned to Letterman, and we are advised she will also be the pioneer WAC at her new assignment.

During her tour at Letterman, Lieut. Reese was a contributor to the FOGHORN and her cartoons on "Polly Cadet" was an original series of her creation. Her artistic ability made her a valuable consultant in the planning of the new East Hospital reading room, and the souvenir booklet on Letterman Hospital, published last year, was arranged and prepared under her direction.

The smiling lieutenant will take with her the best wishes of the command for a happy tour of duty at Baxter GH.

Vocational Help For All of Our Fighting Men

Vocational guidance has become an important part of the Army's reconditioning program in convalescent hospitals, and soldiers recovering from battle wounds are making up credits toward obtaining high school and college diplomas, the War Department reported today.

The curriculum offered by the program includes music, printing, automotive mechanics, business and Army administration, electricity, photography, carpentry, pattern making, watch repairing, metal working, lettering and sign writing, welding, canvas and leather working, and drafting.

Major General George F. Lull, Deputy Surgeon General, has stressed the fact that vocational training is another means of equipping servicemen for their return to civilian life.

Interests and abilities of the convalescents are determined by tests. Army Services Forces' technical services—Ordnance, Engineers, Adjutant General's Department, Quartermaster, Signal Corps—provide equipment and instructors.

"Jobs of interest to our soldier patients are represented in the program being made available to these disabled servicemen," said Colonel Augustus Thorndike, Director of the Reconditioning Consultants Division of the Surgeon General's Office.

"Some of the men do not remain in the hospital long enough to complete a course, but they are advised to continue instruction either in the Veterans' Administration vocational courses or in an Army Training Center," he stated.

The courses accommodate the varying interests of men from different sections of the country. Men from the Midwest show a great interest

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'SAIPAN A HOT SPOT' SAYS SOLDIER FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW

In "Hell's Pocket" on Saipan a Japanese 77-mm shell fragment wounded Private Robert W. Gallion, 23, of Mountain View, California, in the left foot and halted a combat career which the scholarly Doughboy was beginning to find fascinating.

Private Gallion, who left the University of California, Berkeley, in his junior year to become an infantryman, was a company messenger in the 27th Infantry Division. He was wounded 10 days after he went into action.

During those 10 days, he said in an interview at Letterman he had learned not to enjoy battle, "No man likes to see his buddies killed or enjoys the prospect of being killed himself," he said—but to discover a certain fascination in the grimmest of all games.

"It was an unforgettable thing," he declared, "to see how our riflemen outfought and outwitted the Japs. Every mission my battalion had was a difficult one. Many times we fought against heavy numerical odds. But we kept pushing.

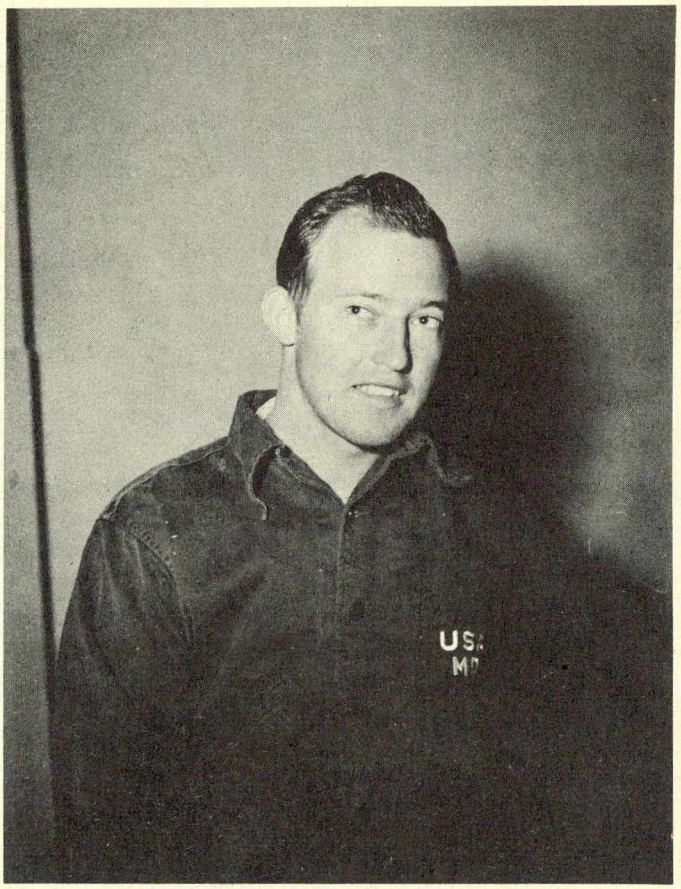
"Often, I was so interested in what was going on around me that I forgot all about danger. Once, for instance, as I was crossing an open field on my way to the front lines with a message, I was entranced by a spectacular 'show' being put on by our rocket trucks.

"I could see the projectives leaving the launchers, and could follow their course to the target area. Not until the rocket launching was over did I realize that all the time I'd been under a concentration of Jap mortar fire. All around me, the ground was pitted with shell holes."

Private Gallion estimated that no one in his outfit had more than an hour or two of sleep each night during the time he was in battle.

"Our first few nights were made noisy and dangerous," he said, "by a Jap pilot we called 'Bed Check Charlie.' He came over just about midnight every night and dropped bombs in our area.

"Later, when the Japs had been stripped of air power on Saipan, we had to fight off night infiltration attempts, with the Nips trying to crawl through our perimeter defenses to throw grenades into our foxholes. Several times, grenades exploded quite close to my hole, but due to the fact that the Jap hand grenade is greatly inferior to ours, and their fragmentation effect is much less severe than ours, I wasn't hit."



Pvt. ROBERT W. GALLION, Infantry

With his M1 rifle, which he described as "the best small arm any soldier could have," Private Gallion killed a number of Japanese, including Nips he shot down at close range during their counter-attacks, and snipers he silenced when they sought to interfere lethally with his accomplishment of message-carrying missions.

The California Infantryman was moving into an attack with his outfit when the shell from a Japanese mountain gun burst about 30 feet from him, wounding Private Gallion and several other Doughboys, all of whom, he said, received prompt medical aid.

Private Gallion told with satisfaction of the combat exploit of his first sergeant, John Mikolajczyk of Long Island City, New York.

"There aren't adjectives enough adjectives to do justice to Sergeant Mikolajacyzk," he declared. "He was calm and fearless, but he was more than that. He had a warmth, an understanding of human nature, an interest in the men and a regard for their safety that inspired all of us. He also was a great hunch player, and one day his hunch really paid off.

"He'd had a feeling that the Japs were going to counterattack and he persuaded the company commander to request five times the normal amount of ammunition issued for a day's combat. The Japs did attack, just as Mikolajczyk had predicted they would, and with the supply of ammunition available to the company we really shot them to bits.

"'Mike,' himself, took advantage of the hot-and-heavy action to do something he'd always wanted to. He got hold of two .45-caliber pistols and had himself a field day, firing both of them from the hip and yelling, 'I'm Two Gun Mikolajczyk! Buck Mikolajczyk rides again!' He accounted for plenty of Japs."

At the University of California, Private Gallion majored in agricultural economics. Thus, he explained with a grin, all of his bivouac areas on Saipan were interesting to him.

"One night," he said, "we bivouacked in an okra patch, and another night in a peanut patch. I found both quite tasty. But the best bivouac of all was in a farm yard. We had fried eggs for breakfast next morning."

The Doughboy, who is the son of Mrs. Ottie B. Gallion of 315 Palo Alto Avenue, Mountain View, has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge, earned by exemplary conduct in ground action against the enemy.

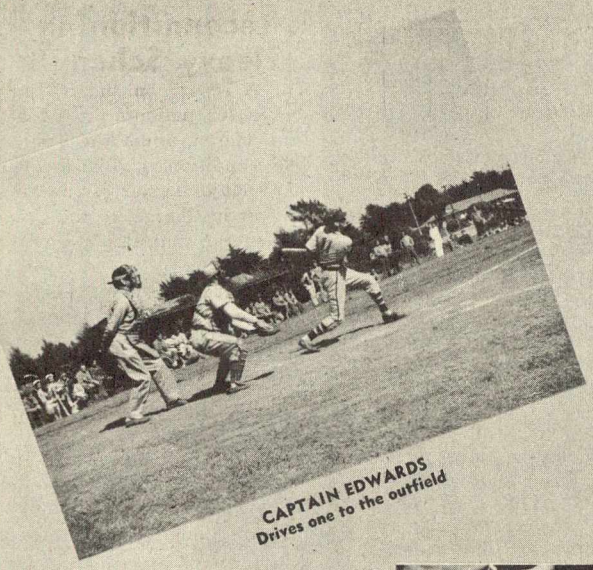
He expects to resume his university studies when he completes his military service. He has been in the Army 21 months, and, before joining the 27th Infantry Division, received his basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Wolters, Texas. He is a graduate of the St. Helena, California, High School.

Reconditioning Has Heavy Schedule

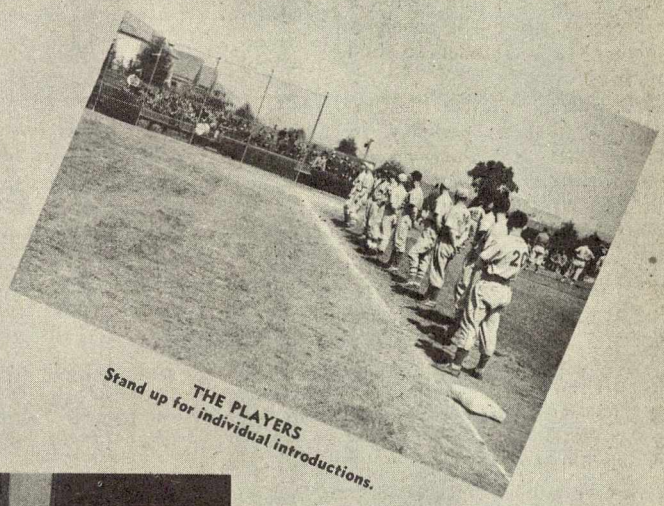
A report on the off post activities for patients during the month of March, under the auspices of the Reconditioning Division, submitted by Major Lester J. Sawyer, MC, Officer in Charge, to the Commanding General, indicates a wide variety of interests.

During the month of March there were 57 excursions beyond the hospital limits arranged as part of the entertainment for our patients. Among these were 11 trips to the Stage Door Canteen in which 939 participated. Seven parties attended the ice hockey games at Winterland and numbered 827 patients. 1134 patients were taken on six sight-seeing trips around the Bay Area. 289 patients attended six boxing cards in the city of San Francisco, and another 500 attended the wrestling matches and baseball games. There was a grand total of 5097 patients taking advantage of these off post activities arranged by the Reconditioning Division.

BASEBALL MAKES ITS BOW FOR THE CURRENT SUMMER SEASON



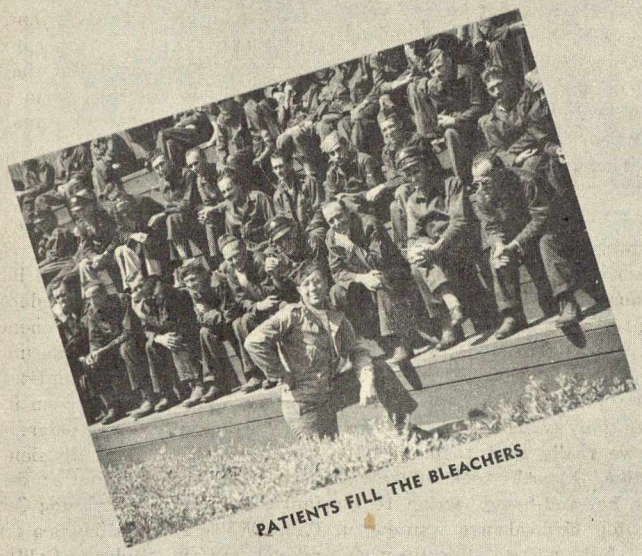
CAPTAIN EDWARDS
Drives one to the outfield



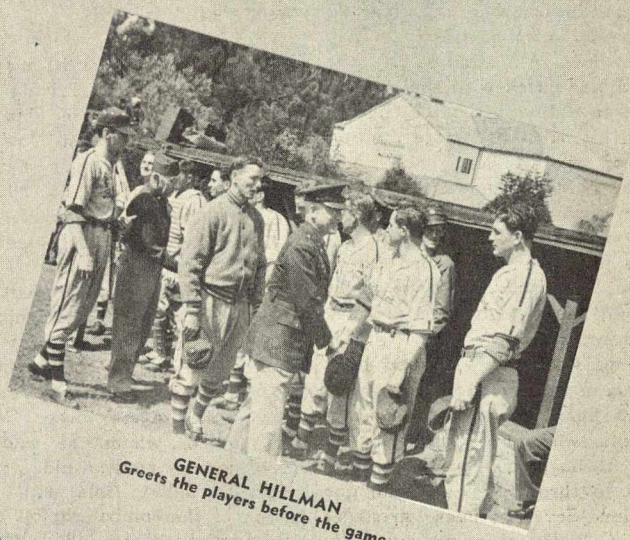
THE PLAYERS
Stand up for individual introductions.



WILEY PARKER
Number 1 fan is driven to drink—but it's water



PATIENTS FILL THE BLEACHERS



GENERAL HILLMAN
Greets the players before the game

THE FOG HORN

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SORROW

Today the heads of the people of our nation are bowed in sorrow as the final tribute of respect is paid to the Commander in Chief as his remains lie in state in the national capital.

His passing was swift and came with a shock to the citizens of the republic. He had been our President for such a long time that we held the thought that he might be President forever. We never permitted our thoughts to stray to the time when he would not be at the helm of the ship of state. We felt he had guided us through many perilous passages and we were assured that he would bring us safely through the straits that lie ahead.

An all wise Providence has decreed otherwise and the Commander in Chief has been relieved of active duty. He fought the good fight and he has merited the crown. He takes his place with the immortals of the nation. History will record him as the Great Humanitarian; the patrician who led the fight to better the lot of the common man.

Tomorrow all that is mortal of Franklin Delano Roosevelt will be laid to rest in the home soil of his native New York home. The nation will mourn his passing but his memory will live as long as the nation.

May the Almighty in His mercy grant him eternal rest.



Eight new names were added to the nursing roster of LGH during the past week: From Walter Reed General Hospital we bid welcome to 1st Lieutenant Hazel M. Aslakson and 1st Lieutenant Mary E. Wheeler who comes to us from Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, after a tour of duty there. And 2nd Lieutenant Lois F. Gebhart joins the staff after a tour of duty at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

Greetings and salutations to the group who come from Fort Lewis, Washington — with Letterman as their first assignment after completing their basic training. This group includes: 2nd Lieutenants Dora Derock, Theresa Callery, Lois Salzmann, Gertrude Toyer and Almera Heslop.

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Good luck and farewell to Captain May D. Hanawalt who will leave today to take up her new duties as a recruiting nurse. With Salt Lake City as a point of headquarters—her territory will include the states of Idaho, Montana, and Utah.

And to 1st Lieutenant Anne Rose who left for an undisclosed destination recently. The lieutenant came to LGH in January of 1944 and since that time has made many friends among the members of the staff here. She received her promotion to 1st lieutenant in July of last year.

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Even our nurses from the Dante Annex were saying 'Good byes' during the past week and all those who will be missed, and taking the good wishes of the staff members with them are: 2nd Lieutenants Bernice C. Simpson, Marie A. Schafer and Macie G. Wilcox.

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Captain Mary K. Sackville, formerly of the staff here, has become one of the retired members of the armed forces. She paid us a visit here on Wednesday last and saw many of her old friends.

On pre-embarkation leaves now are 2nd Lieutenants Gertrude Ann Humling, Florence R. Cardosa, Mary De Muth, Stella T. Polofsky and Margaret Regan Morris. Shortly there will follow an ocean voyage—but where or when still remains a mystery.

GI GIGGLES & BELLY LAFFS

Garnered by the A. L. P. A.

Ma's Voice (from head of stairs): "Marjorie, doesn't that Marine know how to say 'Good night?'"

Marjorie: "I'll say! He does it so well I keep asking for encores." —Camp LeJeune (N. C.) *Globe.*

GI theme of civilian life: "Long ago and far away." . . . Her last line of defense: "But the folks will be home any time now." . . . And there is the soldier who thinks Public Relations are the kind you don't mind admitting.—*The Field News,* Will Rogers Field, Okla.

A sailor on leave in New York City got a complimentary ticket to a Broadway musical. Entering the theater he was taken in tow by an usher who led him skyward, ramp by ramp, to the top balcony, where he stopped and pointed upwards in the darkness.

"You'll find your seat up there somewhere," said the usher. "This is as far as I can go. Above this level my nose bleeds."—*Gosport,* Naval Air Training Base, Pensacola, Fla.

MORE ABOUT VISITING NURSE

administrative functions are carried, and if the fear of serious illness is banished by prompt professional attention from an official representative of the command, we should have a happier group of unsung heroes and heroines.

The assignment of a visiting nurse to this new duty sprung from the personal interest of the commanding general in the well being of people who are contributing so much to our successful care of the sick and wounded from the battle fields.

MORE ABOUT VOCATIONAL HELP

in machine-tool work, welding and metal trades, while those from the South seem to prefer the textiles and agricultural courses.

Patients are not held in Army hospitals to complete any course of study. When they have reached the maximum benefit of hospitaliation, they are returned to duty or civilian life.

Wounded soldiers, now being evacuated from overseas at the rate of more than 33,000 a month, first are sent to one of 64 general hospitals best suited for the special type of treatment required. When a patient has recovered sufficiently and no longer requires daily ward care, he is removed to a convalescent hospital.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, April 15, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Engaged

Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, U. S. Army, Commanding General of Letterman Hospital, and Mrs. Hillman, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Louise, to Captain Garvin Fletcher Shallenberger, Infantry, Army of the United States.

Miss Hillman is a graduate of Galileo High School in San Francisco and Mills College, Oakland, California. She has traveled extensively in Europe and the Orient.

Captain Shallenberger is the son of Dr. Garvin D. Shallenberger, Professor of Physics at the University of Montana, and Mrs. Shallenberger. He received his degree in law from the University of Montana in 1942 and is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

The wedding will take place in early May.

Outfit Visitor

Letterman General Hospital was visited last Saturday and Sunday by Corporal Louis Wagner, Jr., DEML, field representative of OUTFIT, the magazine distributed only to Army General Hospitals in the United States and devoted to keeping hospitalized personnel up to date on news of their overseas units. Corporal Wagner is making a tour of hospitals in the Seventh and Ninth Service Commands. While at Letterman he gathered material for OUTFIT and talked to patients regarding ideas and suggestions in connection with the magazine.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



JEAN L. JAMIESON, Pvt., WAC

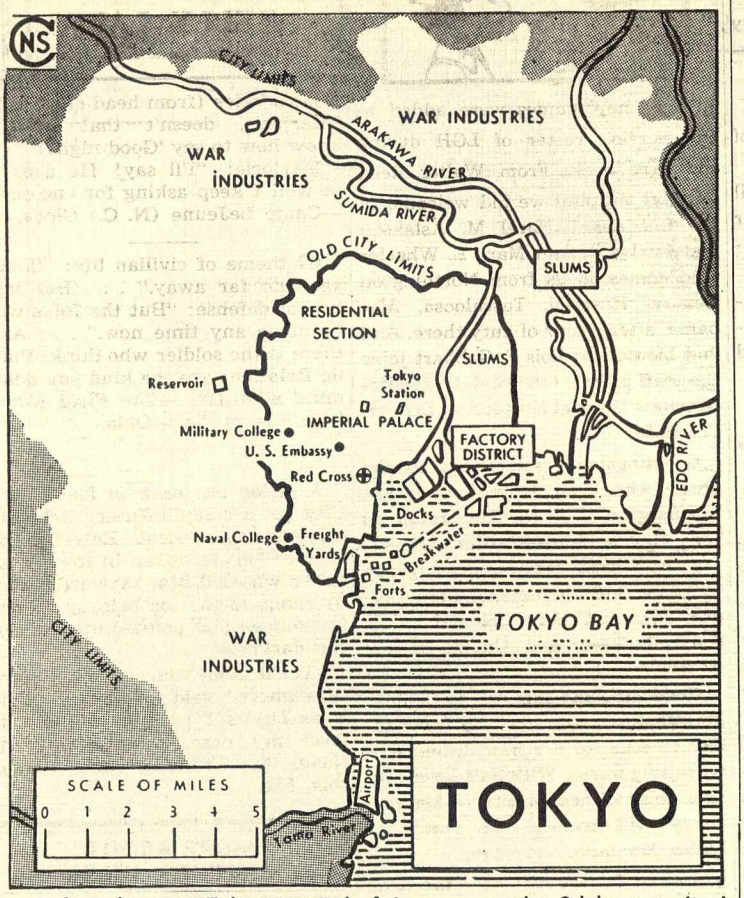
For "Buck of the Week" honors we have with us a bonnie lassie of Scotch descent by the name of Jean L. Jamieson, private in the Women's Army Corps and a surgical technician. True to her Scotch ancestry Jean has flaming red hair, but scoffs at stories about Scotsmen being close with the dollar. She maintains that they are goodhearted and generous and we are inclined to agree with her. Private Jamieson was among the contingent of WAC's who arrived at Letterman General Hospital recently.

Eau Claire (Clear Water to you), Wisconsin, was our lassie's birthplace and her home for many years. Jean graduated from high school and then attended Eau Claire State Teachers College for one year.

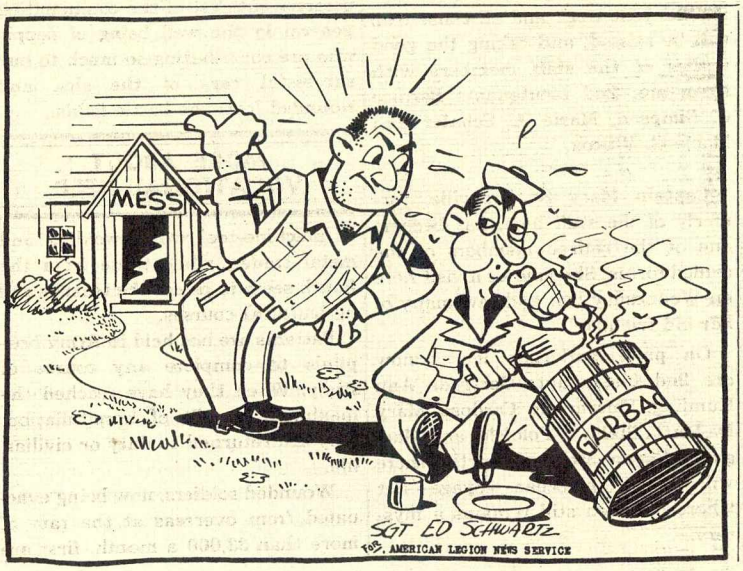
When her parents moved to Miami, Florida, Jean thought that living in Florida might be a nice change, so accompanied them and found herself a job at Pan American Airways as a stenographer. Her great ambition at the time was to become a stewardess on an airliner, and although this ambition was never realized, Jean found time to take Ground School Instruction and accumulate eight hours flying time. This would have entitled her to solo and obtain her Pilot's License, but Jean decided to wait until the end of the war and continue her training at that time.

Pvt. Jamieson joined the Women's Army Corps in August, 1944. Her basic training was accomplished at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and then further training took her to Beaumont General Hospital and La Garde General Hospital in Texas. She was assigned to Letterman General Hospital recently, and is putting her theory to good practice.

No. 1 Target of Pacific Air War

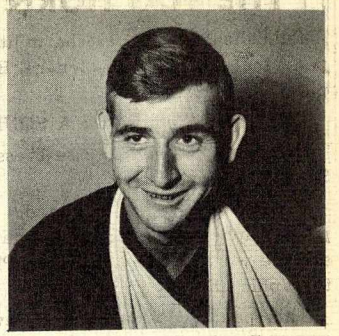


Before the war, Tokyo, capital of Japan, was the 3d largest city in the world (pop 6,581,000), surpassed only by London and New York. Founded in 1456, it was for 4 centuries the capital of the Shoguns, Japanese ruling caste. With the overthrow of the Shoguns, Tokyo, in 1868, became the residence of the Emperor. The old city is separated from the newer areas by the Sumida River and by numerous canals. Of the total area, 25 percent is in roads, which are wide to provide fire "breaks." Tokyo suffered its greatest disaster to date in 1923, when the entire city practically was destroyed by earthquake and fire. Loss of life exceeded 150,000. The city was rebuilt largely to withstand shock and fire.



"Get back in there—you aint any better than the rest."

ON THE SPOT



JUNIOR HOFFMAN, Pfc., Infantry

Private First Class Junior Hoffman accompanied his commanding officer to the top of a hill on Luzon and pointed out the Jap artillery position that had been raining death on our Infantrymen. The officer peered intently through binoculars and then sent word back to the Artillery.

The American shells sounded like fast freight trains as they whirred above the head of Private Hoffman and exploded in the distance. Three direct hits were scored.

"It was beautiful marksmanship, but I didn't realize until later how strong and well-concealed that Jap position was," declared the 23-year-old Infantryman, of West Liberty, West Virginia.

Two Jap field pieces had been knocked out, but when the first wave of Infantrymen began pouring into the area in a subsequent assault, the Japs rolled out some mountain guns from a camouflaged recess in the hillside and opened up with another barrage.

"I was in that advance wave of Infantry and I don't mind telling you that it was rough going," said Private Hoffman. "Fragments were whistling all around me. Two men in my squad were killed. We were pinned down there for 20 minutes until a Browning automatic rifleman got in close and almost single-handedly wiped out the crews of two of the Jap guns. The Japs got panicky and started running around their guns like frightened sheep. The BAR man killed about 15 of them. Three others ran back in the hole where the guns had been hidden and committed suicide with hand grenades."

A few days later, the private was wounded by a mortar burst while on his way to obtain instructions from the platoon leader. Two other soldiers were killed by the shell. The West Virginia hero suffered a compound fracture of the left elbow.

MEDICAL DETACH

A hearty welcome is extended to T/5th Gr. Daniel A. Gentili who joined the detachment during the past week.

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A good time will be had by all of the following men who received furloughs during the past week: T/4th Gr. Samuel Terravecchia, Cpl. Warren Altman, and Pvt. Franklin P. Reynolds, each with 25 days; S/Sgt. John C. Washburn, Sgt. Percy Frazier, Jr., Cpl. Harold E. Christian, T/5th Gr. Robert G. Purkey, Pvts. Thomas M. Sergeant and Curtis D. Hendricks—23 days; Sgt. Charles M. DeBell and Pvt. James A. Hartfronft, who each received 21 days; Sgt. Robert H. Morten and Pvt. Donald W. Hadley—19 days; T/5th Gr. John A. DeTar, Pvts. Abel Pina, Robert E. Record and Roy W. Conley, each with 17 days; Sgt. Caesar J. Michelotti, Pvts. Horace J. Stevens, Math A. Smith, and Herbert P. Martell, each with 15 days, and Pvt. Hugh M. Widetick with 12 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. Harry P. Agruss now smoking cigarettes instead of cigars. What's the matter Harry? (Did the Mrs. cut down on your allowance?)

T/Sgt. Ernest L. Brensel once again getting his waistline back to normal as the baseball team swings into action.

T/5th Gr. Ward F. Schmidt and his "wonder car" once again able to make it to work without a break down.

T/Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans, a rabid Seals rooter, trying to guess what the San Francisco ball team is going to do next.

Sgt. Luverne B. Boland back at Letterman and now working on ward "G" after spending the last year touring the United States.

T/5th Gr. Israel Kulak now performing the duties of laundryman in the east hospital.

Cpl. Gordon L. Lockwood coming out of his winter hibernation at Crissy Field and being seen around the administration building a few times last week

New Steno: "Well, at last I've got a raise in salary."

Elsie: "Honestly?"

N. S.: "Oh, don't be so inquisitive!"—Camp Bowie (Tex.) *Blade.*

NOT "SIR"—BUT "YES MA'AM" TO NEW WAC COMMANDING OFFICER



1st Lt. ERNESTINE L. STEPHENSON, WAC
Commanding Officer WAC Detachment, SCU 1972

We've heard many lists of qualifications necessary to make a successful commanding officer, but Lieutenant Ernestine L. Stephenson, WAC, has a few extras that were on none of the lists, but of which we are heartily in favor. Very blonde hair and gentian-blue eyes we consider a definite asset, and while it may seem a little far afield, a major in psychology could by no means be considered a detriment.

Lieutenant Stephenson arrived at Letterman on April 3, 1945 to take over command of the two WAC companies scheduled to work at the hospital. At present her troops consist of 41 assigned technicians, but the final number is expected to be around 300.

The lieutenant is a Californian and enjoys being so close to her home in Berkeley. She comes from a militant family, with a brother who is a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, now serving somewhere in the Pacific, and a sister who should be in the infantry. She has four children. Lieutenant Stephenson is a graduate of the University of California, and after graduation worked as office manager for the west coast division of the Curtis Publishing Company at Los Angeles.

She joined the WAAC in October of '42 and took basic training at Des Moines, Iowa, then attended administration school, and graduated from Officers Candidate School at the same post. Her first assignment as an officer was recruited in Arizona. For a year she beat through the cacti with a fine tooth comb, finding many cactus needles, and quite a few recruits. A month at Camp Roberts, in charge of unloading trucks, was followed by an assignment that she loved. She was sent to Stanford as commanding officer of the physical therapy school, where she remained for nine months. This, she tells us, was her closest approach to enemy territory, for she lived in fear lest her alma mater, the University of California, discover her perfidy in being at Stanford. She escaped unscathed, however, and came to the Presidio in October of 1944 as assistant adjutant. And now once more, she is in a job that is just what she enjoys, as commanding officer of the WACs here at Leterman.

When she isn't busy solving other peoples' problems, Lieutenant Stephenson likes to swim. She is still holder of the 50 yard free-style California record for the Athens Athletic Club in Berkeley. And she really means it when she says that she hopes Letterman will be just as proud as she is of her "soldiers in skirts."

1960

The 1960 Enlisted Men's Dance Monday night last was a big success. The men were very pleased with the lovely girls the Red Cross sent them and the guys and gals had a wonderful time. Giving out with the music was our own 1960 Band. It was their first job, and they gave a grand performance.

One of the outstanding features of the evening was the singing of Mrs. Karl Luppy, whose husband plays the String Bass in the Band. Pvt. Leon Freye added a little color to the evening with Mrs. Luppy and it made for good listening.

Doing their share to make the party a success was Company 4 of 1960. T/3 Grandville Kerksey had the lunch counter looking like the banquet table of a king.

Not to be forgotten in this column are the "undercover men" who are seldom mentioned for doing a good job. They are T/Sgt. H. Vine, Hq. Det. and Sgt. Floyd Ailsey.

Sgt. Jimmy Calabrese dropped in just in time to sing a few of his fine songs for us, which made quite a hit.

Johnny Blackman, son of our Executive Officer, Capt. Russell G. Blackman, went fishing with his dad the other day. Score: Father zero, son two perch.

Pvt. Floyd E. Dunbar of Det. 2 did a little class order drill down the isle the other day. His beautiful bride is Lee Anderson, WAC of 136 Del Monte Ave., San Francisco.

The bowling team defeated the Post Engineers last Monday evening by a complete total of 4 points. High man for 1960 was Sgt. Aarons who averaged 190.



To Cpl. and Mrs. **Wallace A. Brurud,** a daughter, Tonie Malena, born 13 March; weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **Joseph L. Kastigar,** a son, Charles Joseph, born 1 April; weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. **Harold Dugay,** a daughter, Linda Francine, born 3 April; weight 9 pounds 10 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **Richard Getts,** a son, James Douglas, born 3 April; weight 8 pounds 10 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Laurence Benamati,** a daughter, Linda, born 3 April; weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **William J. Vogt,** a daughter, Kathleen Joan, born 7 April.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Harold A. Higgins,** a son, Harold Colin, born 5 April; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. **Robert C. Gelina,** a daughter, Judith Ann, born 5 April; weight 6 pounds 13 ounces.

To T/3rd Gr. and Mrs. **Oren E. Threlkeld,** a daughter, Carolyn Velda, born 10 April; weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **James B. Clark,** a daughter, Carole Lee, born 9 April; weight 6 pounds 5 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Howard E. Arney,** a daughter, born 8 April; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Edward Real,** a daughter, Helen Louise, born 11 April; weight 5 pounds 14 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Clayton W. Ball,** a daughter, Barbara Jean, born 10 April; weight 8 pounds 2 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. **Edward E. Sandman,** a daughter, Phyllis King, born 10 April; weight 6 pounds 1 ounce.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **John M. Murphy,** a daughter, Alice Lynn, born 10 April; weight 7 pounds.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Richard D. Speer,** a daughter, Mary, born 11 April; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. **Eric B. Harmon,** a daughter, Sharon Marie, born 11 April.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Emanuel Cantellops,** a son, Roberto Hernandez, born 12 April; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Rodney Arner,** a daughter, Margaret Luo, born 11 April; weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

THE EYES OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU ALL THE LIVE LONG DAY IN R&E



Lt. Col. ROBERT L. WHITFIELD, JR.
Chief, Receiving and Evacuation Branch

One of the very efficient departments of the Letterman organization is the Receiving and Evacuation Branch of the hospital. It operates with an absence of confusion and lost motion and the activity is controlled by a soft voiced Texan from his desk well back in the corner of the office.

Speaking of Texans, it is traditional that no one ever has to ask a Texan whence he hails, he usually makes that known in his first statement. Lt. Col. Robert L. Whitfield, Jr., is apparently an exception. He is a man of very few words but a firm believer in action as a substitute for declarations.

Col. Whitfield was born in Montgomery County, Texas, the particular spot where this event occurred had no special name of its own. He went to school at Hardin-Simmons College, where he received his Bachelor Degree in Art and later completed his medical course for an M.D. at Bailey University in Dallas.

The Colonel is considered an old timer in the Army today, as his commission in the Officer's Reserve Corps is dated in 1930. He came to active duty in 1933 with the C.C.C., and remained with that organization until called to extended active duty with the Army in 1940. He served at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., Camp Gruber in Oklahoma, and Camp Sibert, Alabama, before going overseas in April 1943 as Commanding Officer of a Station Hospital. His unit saw active combat service in North Africa and in Italy.

He returned home in the late summer of 1944 and in October was assigned to duty at Letterman General Hospital. As Assistant Chief of the Medical Service, he was indoctrinated into the Letterman way of doing things, and when he assumed the direction of the Receiving and Evacuation Service on 19 March of this year, he was in full accord with the Letterman system.

In 1933 Col. Whitfield was married to Miss Lillian Peters of Jamestown, Tennessee, the home of Sgt. York, and there are two children in his family, Jean, 9, and Robert C., 4.

Believe it or not, a pin could be heard to drop in his office even when congestion is at its worst. We recommend Col. Whitfield for any project destined to dispel "the shouting and the tumult."

News From Home

Denver (CNS)—Members of the Colorado Board of Examiners for Engineers bought a gold cup for fellow member, James Underhill who had never missed a meeting. The night of the presentation Underhill was absent—for the first time in 20 years.

Hillsdale, Mich (CNS)—Charles Wakeman keeps hickory nuts beside his bed. He feeds them to squirrels at night.

Knoxville, Tenn (CNS)—State Highway patrolmen stopped a small coupe on a local highway. Inside were a man and a woman—and 432 pints of bootleg gin.

New York (CNS)—Bill Ontville, a pale lad of 16, established a world's record last year. He saw 705 movies. "Most of them," says Bill, "were lousy."

New York (CNS)—The tobacco industry has sent 950,000 packages of snuff to GIs overseas. Ker-choo!

Okmulgee, Okla (CNS)—The Rev Howard Bush heard a prowler outside. He called the sheriff, then lay in wait in the bushes. After a 3-hour vigil, cold and hungry, he crept back into the house and ate a few soda crackers. Outside again he was challenged by the sheriff. His mouth full of crackers, he couldn't answer. So the sheriff pumped his stomach full of lead.

Philadelphia (CNS)—Fun-loving Rufus Biserup gave fellow-worker Narrow Jackson a hot foot while the latter was sleeping. Jackson's clothing caught fire and he was fatally burned. Biserup was sentenced to 5 months in Federal prison.

Philadelphia (CNS)—University of Pennsylvania co-eds have turned thumbs down on a proposed curfew on dates here. The date curfew would have cut the deadline on dates from 1:30 AM until 12:30 AM 4 nights a week.

Port Chester, N. Y. (CNS)—Reuben Wolf found a grinning set of false teeth in the front seat of his car when he started to drive home from the railroad station the other night. He told the police his car was toothless when he left it there the previous day.

Stoneham, Mass (CNS)—Basil Trasker is 47, jobless, divorced and the father of 3 children. He advertised in a local newspaper for a wife, explaining that he was so busy minding his babies that he had no time to go a-wooing. Fifty women answered the ad, including grandmothers, school teachers, career girls, school girls and one Back Bay divorcee who said she had 2 cars and 2 country estates. Trasker hasn't made up his mind yet.

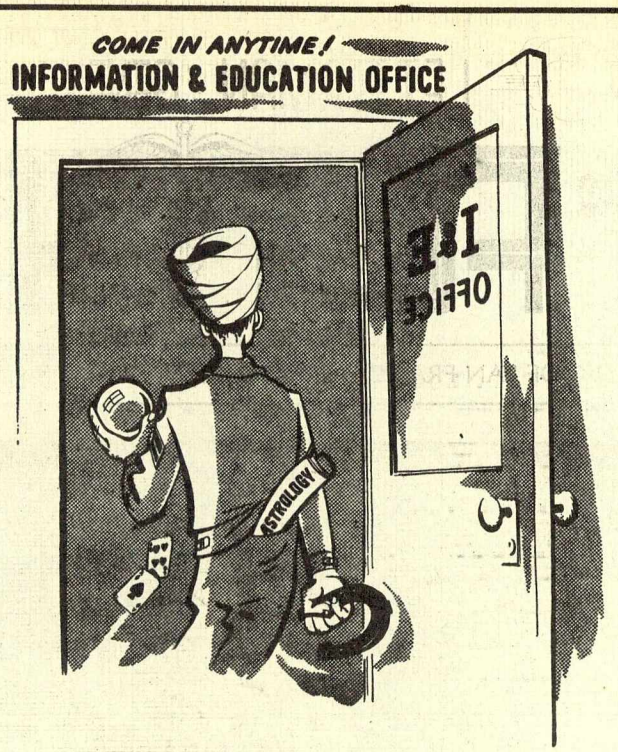
Buckos Best Beale

Another baseball team left the Presidio Ball Park completely outfitted for a place in the loss column when southpaw Tate, of the Buckos, took the measure of the Camp Bealers 11 to 1, letting them down with eight well scattered hits. In the early innings, the game had all the ear marks of a close contest. Both pitchers warmed to their jobs in spite of some early hitting power by lead-off men Murphy of the Buckos and Zullo of Camp Beale, both of whom scored on sacrifices after beating the horsehide for three bases. Then disaster descended on the Bealers in the form of a sore throwing arm for pitcher Kraus. Giovanetti started proceedings in the Buckos' half of the third by lining a single to short center. Bucko pitcher Tate moved Giovanetti to second while taking first base himself on an infield boot. From then on Kraus found himself in hot water and, in the fifth inning, Layne was called in from left field to stem the tide. Just two pitches later, Layne was looking longingly at left field where he had spent so many happy moments chasing Bucko base hits. Layne was in the same hot water and stayed there the rest of the afternoon.

The best display of hitting power was by Murphy of the Buckos who drove in three runs with a long four-bagger to left field and driving pitcher Kraus from the mound with his solid blow. Layne, then in left field, made a prayerful stab at the ball but sprawled on the turf while the Irish shortstop circled the bags. The hitting power for the Bealers was limited to Zullo's long triple to deep center which, but for the potent throwing arm of Boyce, could have gone for a homerun. Boyce, a Boston College star, nipped a number of Bealer scoring plots by nabbing some impossible fly balls and generally pulverizing the infield with long distance throws.

THE SCORE

CAMP BEALE	AB	H	R	E	PO	A
Zullo, 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1
Westerfield, 2b	4	1	0	1	2	2
Sparkman, ss	5	1	0	1	1	8
Carpenter, 1b	4	2	0	1	10	1
Micallef, cf	2	0	0	0	2	0
Klotz, rf	4	1	0	1	0	0
Layne, lf	4	1	0	1	1	0
La Liberte, c	3	0	0	0	1	0
Kraus, p	3	1	0	1	7	0
Cabo, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	8	1	6	24	12



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about your future!

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Buckos Beaten

The first taste of defeat for the Buckos was dished out by the Hamilton Field nine at their home diamond on Wednesday afternoon. Generosity on the part of Pitcher Ted Coffey put 11 men on the bases via the walking route and a few timely errors clinched the victory for the fliers.

The score:

BUCKOS	AB	H	PO	A
Amidei, 2b	5	1	4	0
Barlow, 3b	4	1	2	4
Plouf, ss	5	1	3	5
Boyce, cf	5	2	0	0
Edwards, 1b	5	1	10	0
Brensel, c	3	0	0	0
Coffey, p	5	0	7	4
Rist, lf	3	1	1	0
Miller, rf	4	0	0	0
Totals	39	7	27	13

HAMILTON FLD.	AB	H	PO	A
Bartolomei, 3b	2	1	1	2
Peiber, rf	1	0	0	0
Meyers, cf	5	0	2	0
Marty, p	5	0	11	3
Grant, 1b	3	0	11	0
Gordon, ss	4	1	11	1
Bonomi, 2b	5	1	1	4
Backs, lf	5	2	0	0
Mosno, c	4	0	0	1
Totals	35	5	27	11

Score by innings:

BUCKOS	002	400	000—6
HAMILTON FLD.	012	012	001—7

BUCKOS	AB	H	R	E	PO	A
Murphy, ss	3	2	3	0	1	3
Amedie, 2b	3	0	0	0	3	2
Boyce, cf	5	2	0	0	3	0
Brensel, rf	4	1	1	0	2	0
Edwards, lb	4	1	0	1	11	0
Rist, lf	3	0	2	0	0	0
Payne, c	3	1	0	1	0	1
Giovanetti, 3b	2	1	2	0	2	5
Tate, p	3	0	1	1	5	1
Plouf, ss	2	2	1	0	0	0
Middaugh, 2b	2	1	1	0	0	0
Woods, c	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	11	11	3	27	12

	123	456	789	R.	H.	E.
BEALE	100	000	000—	1	8	6
BUCKOS	103	322	00 —	11	11	3

Home run—Murphy. Triples—Murphy, Zullo. Doubles—Murphy, Boyce, Layne. Double play—Murphy to Amedie to Edwards. Umpires—Buljan and Bracken. Game time—Two hours and 12 minutes.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Memorial Services Honoring President Held in Patio

Under sunny skies in the beautiful patio of the main hospital on Sunday morning last, the officers and men of Letterman joined in final tribute to the memory of our late Commander in Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

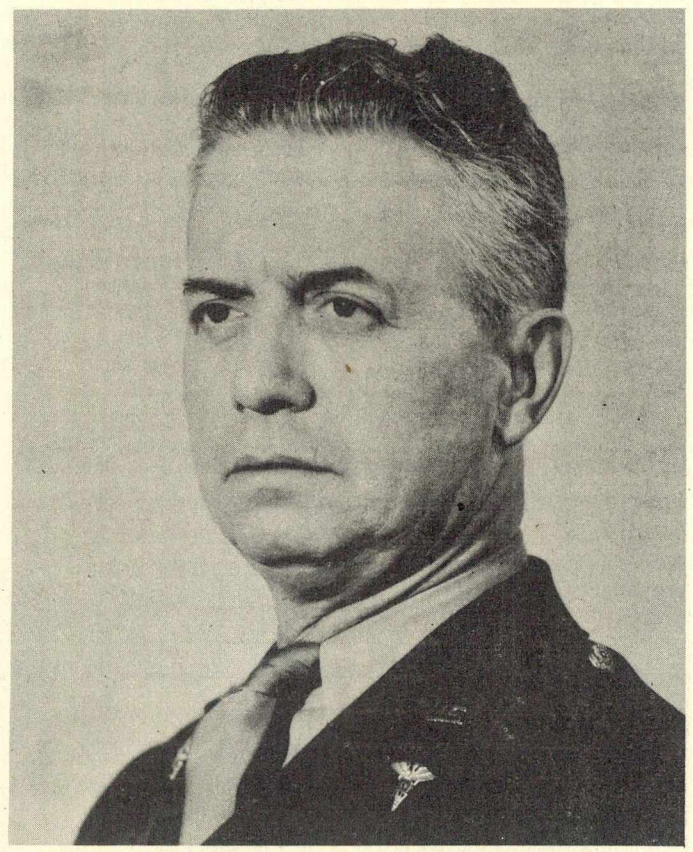
Seated on benches arranged about the grassy lawn and in the shadow of the giant date palm known to thousands of the patients who have passed through Letterman, nearly a thousand people paid the last token of homage to the President who on that same morning was being laid to rest in his native soil three thousand miles to the east.

The program opened with an invocation by the Post Chaplain and singing of the "Lord's Prayer" by Corporal Scott Ross. The Commanding General, Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, then read the order of the Secretary of War formally announcing the death of the President to the personnel of the army. The speaker of the day was Chaplain Guy C. Tetirick who delivered a very inspiring address on the qualities of head and heart demonstrated by the late Chief Executive during his long tenure in the White House.

Chaplain Tetirick recalled that President Roosevelt was one of two wealthy men who had filled the presidential chair, and by contrast it was Mr. Roosevelt who had done more to improve the lot of the common man than any other president in the long history of the republic. It meant only the recital of the lengthening list of laws enacted during the past twelve years to establish that fact.

The speaker referred to the late president's achievements in overcoming not only the handicap of wealth but also that of weakened physical condition. The latter a handicap that would have deterred most men but turned out to be a more greater incentive for accomplishing great deeds by Mr. Roosevelt.

The ceremonies concluded with a solo by Mrs. Kathleen Tracy, "Abide With Me," and the sounding of Taps.



Lieut. Col. SETH O. CRAFT, P.C.
Assistant Executive Officer who completed 20 years of commissioned service in the regular Army yesterday.

Letterman To Be Represented at Peace Conference

When the United Nations Conference opens next week in San Francisco Letterman will be represented by some of its personnel, who will be there in a professional capacity, but lacking vote or voice in the deliberative sessions of the conference.

Captain Maurice B. Rogers, MC, Chief of Officers Ward Section, and First Lieut. Virginia C. Sanderson, Cecelia Tursi, and Betty Lewis, of the Army Nurse Corps, T/Sgt. John A. Herrell and Sgt. Samuel J. Agnella, are the Letterman people selected for this duty in addition to Capt. Vernon A. Coverstone, MC, of the Hospital Train Unit.

Under the plans to look after the health of those in official attendance a dispensary will be established in the Memorial Opera House in Civic Center. This will be equipped with hospital cots and all the necessary medical supplies to accomplish its mission. It will be staffed for 24 hour service and will be the station for Captain Rogers, T/Sgt. Herrell, and Sgt. Agnella.

Addtional facilities to take care of the accredited delegates will be established in the leading hotels of the city where the delegates are to be housed. Lieuts. Sanderson, Tursi, and Lewis are to be assigned to that duty. Navy medical personnel will assist in this work.

The dispensaries will be open for service on April 23 and will continue operations until the conference is closed.

DOUBLE QUARTETTE OF NEW SERGEANTS FOR LETTERMAN



Sgt. ASHLEY
Hails from Searcy County, Arkansas. Came to the Army by induction at Los Angeles in March 1942 and to Letterman shortly after that date. He has been with Special Services during his tenure here and enjoys a wide acquaintance among the stage and screen celebrities who visit the hospital.



Sgt. MOORE
Also hails from Columbus, Ohio. Joined the Army at Fort Douglas, Utah, in October 1942 and came to Letterman four months later. Worked in Supply Section, Detachment of Patients, for one year, then became wardmaster on F-1 before jumping into Receiving & Evacuation in June of last year.



Sgt. SULLIVAN
Is a native son of San Francisco. He enlisted at Letterman on 5 November 1942 and was immediately attached to the FOGHORN staff. His job covers all phases of the work of getting out the paper each week, and he is the target for all comment—good and otherwise.



Sgt. O'BRIEN
Is another native son of San Francisco. He was inducted into the service in August 1942, and after a few days at Monterey, reported at Letterman for station. He was in P. & P. for a time, then moved to the Message Center, and now is custodian of the archives, better known as the File Room.

The unusual aspect of smiling faces on more of the personnel of the Medical Detachment observed during the past week could be explained by the opening up of new ratings after a prolonged period during which promotions were few and far between.

The opportunity for advancement has always been a factor in the state of morale in any command. Men who have performed their assigned duties with satisfaction to their superiors were not unreasonable in the hope that recognition would come in the form of promotion, but all too often that bugaboo of "reorganization" in the Tables of Allotments in Grade would postpone a promotion that was in sight.

Another hurdle in the path of progress to the higher grades was the transfer "in" of men already enjoying advanced grades. It meant they had to be absorbed and continued as excess until attrition got in its work. On occasion when a corporal would be transferred out and his replacement turned out to be a sergeant it made the wait of the privates that much longer.

Last week the Fates smiled on us and promotions were again a reality. Two selections for the grade of master sergeant, eight for sergeant and 25 for corporal. There were twice as many eligible for these promotions as there were vacancies and the board had a difficult time in making the final selections.

The command congratulates those who were advanced and commends those who were passed over for the soldierly manner in which they have accepted the situation.



Sgt. BALDWIN
Is a native of Spokane, Wash. He joined the Army in August 1942 and drew station at Letterman. He was in the Receiving Office for 10 months and then moved to the Detachment of Patients office where he is still serving.



Sgt. SANSONE
Is a native of Columbus, Ohio, and entered the Army via Camp Grant, Ill., in March 1942. Three months later he was assigned to Letterman and detailed to the Message Center. He has grown up with that office and is now the Head Man.

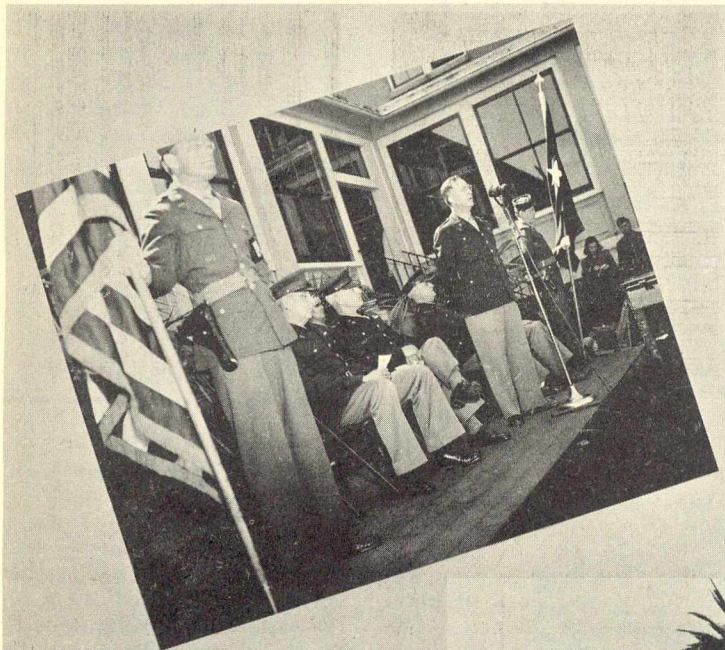


Sgt. PAPESH
Was born in Nesquehoning, Penna., and entered the Army in July 1943. After a tour at Camp Grant and the Pittsburg Replacement Depot he joined the Letterman staff in January 1944 with station at Dante Annex where he is a wardmaster.

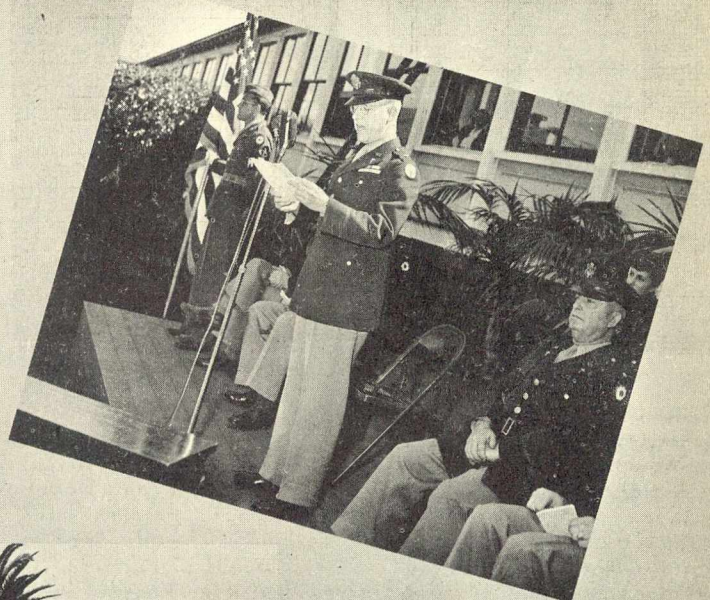


Sgt. STERR
Claims Medford, Wisconsin, as his birthplace. He enlisted in the Army in February 1941 at Fort MacArthur and came to Letterman in August 1942. He has been the chief mechanic at the motor pool here since that time.

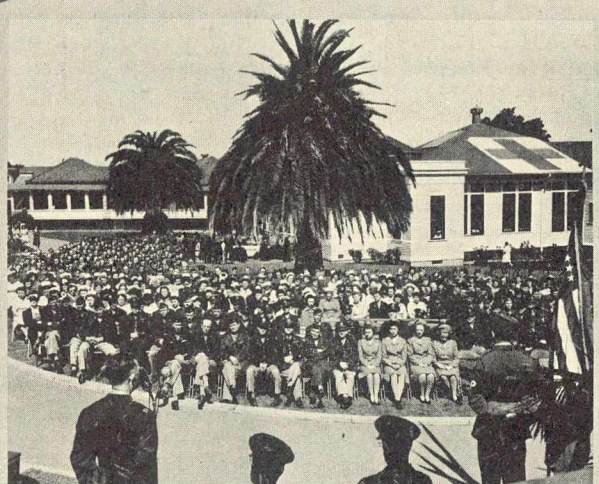
LETTERMAN HONORS THE MEMORY OF OUR LATE PRESIDENT



THE EULOGY
Delivered by Chaplain Guy C. Tetirick



THE PROCLAMATION
Announcing the death of the President is read by the Commanding General.



THE COMMAND ASSEMBLED
To pay tribute to our late Commander in Chief

TAPS
The muted notes of the Nation's farewell break the Sabbath quiet.



CADET NURSES
In the forefront of those who mourn the President.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

ERNIE PYLE

One morning this week a radio "flash" announcement turned us again into a sorrowing nation. Ernie Pyle—the beloved of the boys in the trenches—had been killed by a sniper's bullet on Okinawa.

During his career as a correspondent at the fronts he met many thousands of our fighting men. They could say that they knew him in person. The simplicity of his style made him known to millions and each felt that it amounted to something approaching personal acquaintance.

Ernie Pyle reported the activities of the plain private. He lived with him and shared his peril—and then he wrote about about him and named him. That was a new style of reporting. In all wars the commanding generals get the credit and the blame but in this war the lowliest private gets his name in the papers. Ernie Pyle started that.

Ernie Pyle reported the day by day life of the "little man" in the fighting machine. Through his writings the folks at home were aware of the men behind the guns, in the tanks, and flying the planes that are all a part of war. He stressed the part of the man in the fray.

Ernie Pyle will lie in a soldier's grave on a foreign battle ground but Ernie Pyle will live again every time the G.I. veterans of this war give way to reminiscence.



'East—West—Home is best'—and though San Francisco may not be her immediate home—2nd Lieutenant Angelina M. Panero is back in her homeland after an extensive tour of duty in the Southwest Pacific, and now she reports to LGH after taking a short leave and performs her duties on ward E-1. A hearty welcome is extended to the lieutenant and we hope her stay here will be a pleasant one.

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Also greetings and salutations to the five cadets who came to Letterman from various hospitals throughout the Bay area—and two of this group have even come from out-of-state. These two are the first arrivals here from beyond the state line and they come from the Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, Misses E. June Herrell and Jeanette R. Gerhart.

Miss Emily Sylvia Haines comes here from St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, and Misses Mary M. Dinneen and Ila M. Choate are the Mary's Help Hospital's gift to the Army.

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'Wedding bells chimed and tolled' of the wedding that took place last week when 2nd Lieutenant Dorothy Frisch pronounced the wedding vows and Became Mrs. James Jensen. Mr. 'J' is a lieutenant comander in the U. S. Navy.

The wedding took place in the Presidio Chapel with Chaplain Edward T. Haskins officiating. And the bride wore the traditional white—leaving the khaki in obscurity for the day. After the ceremony the newlyweds were greeted at a reception held in the Nurses' Recreation Hall where a buffet lunch was served and there was champagne to toast the couple on the occasion of their marriage.

Congratulations and many happy returns—from the staff of Letterman.

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Sincere wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to 1st Lieutenant Fredonna M. Humphrey who was hospitalized during the past week.

THE OBSERVER SAW

T/Sgt. Lew Villa learning to handle a drill although he is already a past master with a chisel.

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Major Robert Biswell, imitating the traditional Arab, folding his extra garments and silently stealing away across the broad Pacific.

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Lieut. Col. Seth O. Craft "celebrating" his twentieth anniversary of commissioned service while still a bed patient on A-1.

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New silver bars for Lieuts. Taro, Lewis, and Deranian—and no outward change observed as a result of the rarified atmosphere in which they now move and live and have their being. Congratulations.

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The hirsute adornment on the upper lip of the paymaster really taking form and substance.

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The "black out" drill on Monday evening bringing together some very interesting people, although some were late for roll call

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Lieut. Col. Charles F. McCuskey, amiable anethesiologist, ambling off in the direction of the setting sun for his new station. Happy landings.

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Pvt. Wilbur D. Gunter, one time ace cameraman at the Letterman photo lab, leaving for a new job at Baxter General Hospital.

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Too many people moving to new jobs.

98% of USAFI Students Win High School Credit

New York (CNS)—Of the first 7,000 servicemen and women to seek school credit for educational achievement during military service:

More than 98% were granted high school credit.

More than 96% were granted college credit.

More than 28% were awarded high school diplomas and almost 20% college diplomas for work done while in the service on an active duty status.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, April 22, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

D. S. M. for Chief Of Chaplains on Retirement

Maj. Gen. W. R. Arnold, whose eight-year tour as Chief of Chaplains shortly will expire, has been designated as Assistant Inspector General, office of The Inspector General of the Army, having to do with affairs of the Chaplain Corps and religious matters concerning the Army. He is to be sent on an overseas inspection tour. He is succeeded by Col. Luther D. Miller, Episcopalian, who has just completed 33 months of service in the Southwest Pacific theater. Chaplain Miller, who served with the 6th Army in the Southwest Pacific, was one of 55 colonels nominated this week for promotion to brigadier general (temporary), Army of the United States.

Gen. Arnold reaches the statutory age for retirement in June, at which time he will formally vacate the position of Chief of Chaplains. He will be continued on active service as Assistant Inspector General.

Secretary of War Stimson presented the DSM to Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) William R. Arnold for service "with great distinction" during his eight-year tour as Chief of Chaplains.

The presentation was made by Mr. Stimson in his office in The Pentagon. Maj. Gen. James A. Ulio, The Adjutant General, read the citation. In attendance were: General of the Army George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Deputy Chief of Staff; Gen. Brehon Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces; Lieut. Gen. Barney Giles, Chief of the Air Staff; Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



AGNES ZOUHAR, Pvt., WAC

Born Agnes Zouhar in Cleveland, Ohio, our Buck of the Week would more readily be recognized as "Zoe" as that is the nickname that has followed her from childhood. Here at Letterman she is known officially as Pvt. Agnes Zouhar, photographer and member of the Women's Army Corps.

Pvt. Zouhar, or Zoe, graduated from Solon High School in Ohio, where she specialized in bookkeeping. Her father owned and operated a food store in Cleveland, and it was here that she first went to work. In three years' time she was manager of the store and continued in that capacity for six years until she joined the WAC on April 29, 1943. During these years she was very interested in photography as a hobby, and that hobby was later to become her main interest.

Basic training took Zoe to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for six weeks and another six weeks' training in the Motor Transport School. She was assigned to Camp White, Oregon, where she expected to work in the Motor Pool. Life is full of surprises, however, and an opening for someone with photographic experience gave Zoe the opportunity to become the photographer there. After a year at Camp White, Zoe was transferred to the Santa Barbara Redistribution Center, still in the capacity of a photographer. Here she stayed for six months before assignment to Letterman General Hospital on March 29, 1945.

Zoe can be found in the Photo-Lab, where she develops the pictures taken for the hospital. Ceremonies where awards are given out, concerts where famous artists appear to entertain the patients or baseball games find Zoe in the background clicking away with her camera. These pictures become part of the Letterman history, and give a pictorial account of events taking place at Letterman.

Sports interest Zoe and are her main hobby at the moment. She particularly likes swimming and golf and spends her spare time in these pursuits.

After the war, Zoe intends to make photography her career. It is a job that she likes, and she would prefer to do newspaper work.

GI Training, Experience Now Worth School Credit

By Camp Newspaper Service

This is addressed to servicemen and women everywhere, but primarily to those who plan to return to school after the war.

You can earn academic credit, while still in service, not only for satisfactorily completing courses offered through the facilities of the United States Armed Forces Institute, but also for a wide variety of military training and experience.

Even your basic training has an educational value, in the opinion of leading American educators. So have the various courses offered by Army and Navy schools, Army and Navy specialized training and actual experience handling a Service job.

USAFI officials and leading American educators have devised certain guides and procedures designed to assure every serviceman and woman a fair evaluation by U. S. schools and colleges of his military training and experience and of off-duty educational studies.

The plan seeks to avert the mistakes made following the last war, when accreditation for military training and experience was haphazard, "hit-or-miss," and often on a simple "even-stephen" basis —so much credit for so much time spent in service. Under this arrangement, some men got more credit than they deserved and some got less.

Keystone of the new plan is a handbook published by the American Council on Education, worked out in co-operation with the National Department of Secondary-School Principals, the great regional accrediting associations, the Army Education Branch in the Information and Education Division and the corresponding agencies in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

This booklet contains descriptions of the hundreds of training courses in the Armed Services —objectives, content, time allotment and admission requirements. It also contains the judgments of educational experts on the appropriateness of accepting the course for credit in different types of civilian school or college programs. Published in up-to-date looseleaf form, it will be in the possession of practically all high school principals and college officials. With the handbook for ready reference, educators will be able readily to interpret and evaluate applications for credit from military personnel and need have only an accurate and reliable statement from the applicant.

In order to facilitate the handling of such applications, USAFI has worked out a method whereby military personnel can apply directly to the schools or colleges of their choice for credit, with assurance of a speedy and fair evaluation.

Servicemen and women are urged to make application while still in service, because the action by the schools and colleges on their applications will provide a guide to the courses or studies they should pursue through USAFI or in off-duty classes in order that they may resume their education after their return to civilian life at the most advanced level possible.

Personnel whose postwar educational plans are indefinite should submit credit applications to the school or college they think it most likely they will attend so that an official record of their military training and experience will be available if needed.

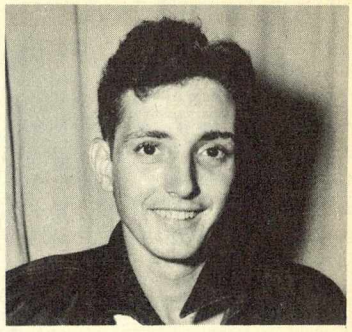
A new application form, "Application For Credit For Educational Achievement During Military Service," (USAFI Form No. 47, revised September 1944) has been devised for this purpose. Every I and E officer should have this form.

Upon receipt of the form, the educational official at the school will study the facts shown in it, check them against his own records in the American Council Handbook and in relation to the diploma requirements of his own school, and determine the kinds and amounts of credit to which the applicant is entitled.

In most instances, the educator will be able to make this decision promptly and without requiring more information. In some cases, however, it may seem desirable to suggest that the applicant take certain USAFI examinations in order to supply additional evidence of his educational status or competence.

The educator will report the examinations desired to USAFI, which will send them directly to be administered locally by the certifying officer. The results will be returned immediately to USAFI, which will grade the examination papers and report the grade received to the school or college for use in determining credit.

ON THE SPOT



NICHOLAS V. LaROSA, Pvt., Infantry

Riflemen of Private Nicholas V. LaRosa's company in the 40th Infantry Division fought 10 hours to capture two-mile hill on Luzon.

That, the quiet, 21-year-old veteran doughboy from Yonkers says, will give you an idea of how the Infantry has to fight when the Japs are determined the charge the highest possible price in lives and time with a well prepared defense. It was in the action on that hill that the private was struck by mortar shell fragments in the left shoulder and subsequent transfer to the United States followed.

"Our company was assigned to take a hill near Clark Field," he explained, "and we opened up our attack about seven in the morning. We didn't get to the top of the hill, only about two miles away, until five that afternoon. By that time the hill was honeycombed with tunnels that connected fortifications, and we had to pry the Japs out one at a time. I carried a rifle grenade launcher, and the platoon leader would call for me to fire grenades at a particularly tough pillbox. Then we would rush in firing our weapons and throwing hand grenades, and finally the flamethrower would close in and give the place a good 'hosing' with his heater.

"We made the two miles that way. I was wounded after we had reached the top. We were low on ammunition, and the company commander sent a party of six of us back to bring up more. Four of us made it back, two were killed on the way. The Japs were plastering the entire hill with mortar fire, and I was struck by fragments not long after the trip for ammunition. A medical aid man bandaged me right away, but it was two hours before they could get me out by litter to the battalion aid station.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted to corporal during the past week: Harry P. Agruss, George H. Albertson, Lloyd J. Engle, James R. Heslop, Walter G. Hullen, Guy O. Lewis, William J. Newkirk, Robert E. Record, Arthur M. Sciacqua, Elmer C. Whaley, Ernest L. Christopherson, Dale Gates, Gerald E. Hessey, Saul Katz, Marvin G. Looslie, Clarence L. Rapp, James Riveroll, Raymond Seidenberg, William Ducorsky, Francis E. Hanlon, Carl W. Hoffschneider, William J. Knight, Crispin F. Lopez, William A. Rasnic, Tony S. Sabella and Benjamin Weitz. Appointed to private first class were: George W. Cobas, Earl W. Sampson and Fred Whitt.

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A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: S/Sgt. Preston E. Shelby, Pvts. Paul S. Ramirez and Paul J. Riviera.

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The year round—furloughs are always the order of the day. Lucky GI's during the past week were: Privates George F. Lloyd Jr., and Robert E. Lee who each received 25 days; T/5th Gr. Claudie R. Johnson —21 days; S/Sgt. Martin T. Newcome, Pvts. Daniel F. Bruin and Gordon F. Hemmings, with 17 days; T/4th Gr. Harold R. Dugay—15 days and T/5th Gr. Raymond J. Jayne who received 10 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Caesar J. Michelotti learning the hard way that some card games can't be learned quickly.

S/Sgt. Merle C. West now back on duty after successfully completing a reconditioning course at Fort Lewis.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz and Cpl. Elias Tamey in Ward "G" patiently waiting for 'a third at pinochle.'

Sgt. Patrick J. Sullivan, president of the LGH section of the Lonely Hearts Club,—having difficulty in changing "Corporal Sullivan speaking"—to—"Sergeant Sullivan speaking"—when he answers the phone. (Purely force of habit eh Cor——er ——Sarge?)

T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox wearing specs but still not improving his bowling.

OUR PATIENTS GET PLENTY OF HELP FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICE AIDES



Miss NINA GRAYBILL
Social Service Aide and Hospital Worker

With a name like Graybill, pronounced Grable as in Betty, it is only natural that people should take a second look at the young lady who arrived recently at Letterman General Hospital as a Red Cross Staff Aide. But rating her a third look is the fact that she is most attractive and has a pleasing manner. Looking very smart in her trim uniform of the Red Cross, Miss Nina Graybill is a pleasant person to have as contact between patients and home.

At no time, she says, has she been so happy as now, when she is able to do the many little things for patients that make their stay at the hospital more enjoyable. Assisting with the plans for emergency leaves, finding lodging for a patient's visiting family, looking up old friends and sending telegrams home for the men are all in a day's work for this young miss. Her duties are those that do not require the professional services of a Trained Medical or Psychiatric Social Worker, and augment their services.

When Miss Graybill entered her application for Red Cross service she was interviewed to determine whether or not she would have the aptitude and correct attitude for her work. When she qualified in this regard by being sensitive to patients' attitude and being suited to and understanding the hospital setting, she was sent to Washington, D. C., to learn all about Red Cross policies, correct procedures and the relationship of the Red Cross to the military.

Before entering this service Miss Graybill graduated from Fresno State College in 1942 where she majored in speech and radio drama. During her time there she spent most of her hours in the University Street Playhouse where she actively participated in writing, directing and acting.

Following graduation from college, Miss Graybill came to Berkeley, California, and worked as receptionist at the Berkeley Hospital. From there she went to the Children's Hospital in Oakland, where she stayed until she offered her services to the Red Cross in February of this year.

Nina is very proud of being a native Californian, being born in Lindsay, California, and we are most happy to welcome Staff Aide Nina Graybill to Letterman General Hospital. Please excuse us if we sometime slip and call her Betty.

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Another Day Room has been added. This time for Headquarters and Detachment 1, located in building 650. An almost new pool table, radio, writing desks, lounge chairs and an outside telephone are just a few of the facilities to be found there. Private Delbridge is doing a fine job as orderly.

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Each detachment is now organizing a softball team for intramural competition and the train unit expects to enter a team in the post tournaments.

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Captain Pearl Smith, ANC., and Captain James Bulger, M.C., both claim it is a lot easier to travel on twin rails. They were promoted to captain last week. Congratulations!

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T/5th Gr. Roger Elliott has added something with his new mail room. It is an enhanced convenience to Detachment 2.

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T/Sgt. Quinton Fergusen has had a lot of fun this week on his motorcycle—although he admits it is a bit drafty in the early morning.

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Sgt. George Pezula, T/5th Gr. Louie Yomacka, Pfc. P. Lancaster and Pvt. Moe Bender maintain there is only one use for playing cards—cribbage.

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One of the regular fisherman from Detachment 3 donated 20 large California crabs to his buddies on Saturday evening. He had caught them from our own pier.

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Our battalion commander, Captain C. R. Talley, was one of eight bowlers at the Fort Mason alleys on Tuesday evening. He had scores of 202 and 194. Good rolling!



To. W.O. and Mrs. **Jerome Urbach** a daughter, Nancy Sue; born 12 April; weight 6 pounds 6 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Dale W. Oliver** a son, George Douglas; born 13 April; weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Arnold M. Ross** a daughter, Joan Barbara; born 14 April; weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Jesse R. Ward** a daughter, Barbara Ann; born 13 April; weight 7 pounds.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Benjamin C. Dykes** a son, James Currier; born 16 April; weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Edward J. Richards** a son, Mark Walker; born 16 April; weight 8 pounds 8 ounces.

To C.W.O. and Mrs. **Donald D. DeSomery** a son, Donald Lawrence; born 16 April; weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. **Robert W. Andrade** a son, Robert Sanders; born 14 April; weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To Lieut. and Mrs. **William M. Strong** a son, Roger William; born 16 April; weight 8 pounds.

To Major and Mrs. **Morris Kirsner,** a son, Gary Lance, born 18 March; weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Aaron Galant,** a daughter, Gloria Rae, born 6 April; weight 4 pounds 10 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Aaron Galant,** a daughter, Paula Eleanor, born 6 April; weight 3 pounds 10 ounces.

Long Road to Tokyo Seen by Adm King

Washington (CNS) — The Pacific War has moved faster than was expected a year ago, but we still have "a long, tough and laborious road ahead." That is the considered opinion of Adm Ernest J. King, U. S. Fleet Commander, expressed in his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy. Adm King revealed that there never has been a "time-table" for operations in the Pacific — the only thought was "to go as far and as fast as the means in hand would permit." But the very speed of operations has created new production problems, he added, with "production of certain necessities falling behind requirements."

TWO NEW MASTER SERGEANTS ADD LUSTRE TO THE DETACHMENT RANKS



Mr. Sgt. JONES



Mr. Sgt. DUNN

The "Mr" in the titles under the pictures shown above does not mean "Mister." It does indicate that the holder of that title is a top flight non-commissioned officer and one is not very long in the military service before he learns that the deference due and demanded by a Master Sergeant exceeds anything ever expected by a Mr. in civilian life.

All of which is by way of explanation before we announce to our readers the promotion of two of our non-commssioned officers to the grade of Master Sergeant, than which there is nothing higher in enlisted ranks.

Master Sergeant Joseph Jones is one of the Letterman old timers. He has been here since 1934 and has had various assignments during his present tour of duty. At the moment he is assistant to the mess officer with supervision over the East Hosptal Mess. Here he has introduced a system of feeding patients that permits almost an unlimited number of men to be fed at any of the three meals served in the huge mess hall.

Sgt. Jones has always done everything well during the 11 years he has been with us at Letterman and we are all very happy for this commendation in the form of promotion to the grade of Master Sergeant.

The second member of the command to be promoted is Master Sergent Wiley J. Dunn, who has been the senior non-commissioned officer on duty with the Detachment of Patients.

Sgt. Dunn is a native of Oakland, California, and in fact has lived in the golden state all of his life. He attended high school in Sacramento, and was later a student at the University of San Francisco where he majored in accounting. In civilian life he was a traveling accountant for the Coca-Cola Company, and he is very handy with figures. His promotion recalls a controversy which waged here some years ago as to whether or not Sgt. Dunn was an Irishman or a Scot. Dunn himself is of no help to the controversy as he refused to make any comment, so it is still a moot question. Is he a dour Scot or a jovial Irishman? As was said on a previous occasion, no patient, "pitching' 'for a pass, had ever been able to penetrate Dunn's deadpan expression and aid his plea with a burr or a brogue.

For what may be of interest to the ladies on the Letterman staff we pass on the information that Sgt. Dunn is not married, not engaged, or anything. We know hopeful ladies will join the command in extending congratulations to Master Sergeant Dunn on his promotion.

Indianapolis (CNS) — Vern Eagle awoke one night from a deep dream of peace and found a man sleeping on the floor. He clouted the gent on the head with a bed slat, then called the cops who revived the intruder by dumping him into the bathtub. Then Eagle recognized the man. It was his wealthy uncle from Chicago, who had arrived during the night and had slept on the floor because he didn't want to disturb his favorite nephew.

DANTE ANTICS

This space has been made available to us for news items of interest concerning the Annex. We plan to include patients as well as military and civilian personnel. If you have news that's fit to print, hand it in.

In recent weeks we have on two occasions put out our Welcome Mat. First we greeted eight members of the new WAC detachment. They have been assigned to various duties and we feel they add a lot to the ensemble.

Names? Oh, yes, here are they are! T/5 Blanche Tinnerholm, formerly of Paris; Pfc. Leonarda Witkowski, Cleveland, Ohio; Pvt. Maxine Carpenter, Seattle, Washington; Pvt. Blanche Pierce, Boston, Mass.; Pvt. Antoinette Allor, Chicago, Illinois; Pvt. Jeannette Benedict, Jackson, Michigan; Pvt. Beverly Alexander, Minneapolis, Minn., and Pvt. Marion Howe, Buffalo, N. Y.

The next time we rolled out the Welcome rug it was to greet five new nurses. They are 2nd Lieutenants Allen Barney, Margerete Dayley, Joanne Feast, Dorothy Flannery and Melba Skinner. There was a subsequent pain of parting, and we bid au revoir to Capt. Maryelizabeth Abbot, 1st Lieutenants Frances Zimmer and Viola Webb and 2nd Lieutenants Marie Schaeffer, Bernice Simpson and Macie Wilcox. No profit there, we get five and give up six.

The new chevrons worn by Sgt. Warren Papesh and Cpl. James Heslop rate congratulations from us.

With good wishes to a proud papa, Cpl. Irwin Steffen, even if we failed to get one of the free cigars. It's a boy!

What do you think of our new title, Dante Antics?

Japs Put Ceiling On Sailors' Suicides

Pacific (CNS) — An acute manpower shortage in the Japanese Navy is putting a crimp in that fine old Jap custom of hara-kiri.

The Office of War Information, in a report on manpower losses in the Jap Navy, based on official information from the Navy Department and other U. S. Government agencies, says:

"The willingness of Japanese to commit hara-kiri is no longer considered a virtue because so many of the Navy's best sailors have done away with themselves."

The Japs have lost approximately 262,000 Navy personnel, including at least 25,000 members of the Naval Air Corps, OWI says.

Buckos Buckle

Despite a mid game rally, the Presidio Letterman Buckos once again went down to defeat, this time at the hands of the Alameda Naval Station nine, 5 to 2. By combining timely hitting with Bucko boots, the Navy team managed to score one run in the first inning, one in the second and a very convincing three runs in the third inning. It was in the disastrous third that southpaw Tate was recalled from active duty on the mound after an error, a walk and three consecutive singles netted the Blues their three runs. With the bases loaded, Ernie "Truck" Brensel was waved in from right field to take over the pitching chores. Ernie exhibited some very fine control in the clutches and Navy scoring ceased with the end of the third inning. In the Buckos end of the fifth, the soldier team started to move and combined a walk, an error and two singles to score, but the flurry died out and with it two Bucko baserunners. Again, in the sixth, the Buckos managed to score another run, but the Navy defense tightened up and another incipient rally was nipped. The Buckos, however, showed evidence of solving the slants of Navy pitcher Mirabito, and "Tex" Loir took over the mound duties to start the last half of the seventh. From then on, the Bucko bats, tho' not entirely silent, were unable to make scoring noises.

ALAMEDA	AB	H	PO	A
Donovan, 1b	3	1	11	0
Rigney, ss	4	1	2	4
McConnel, rf	4	0	1	0
Barker, 3b	5	1	1	0
Blakeley, cf	5	1	0	0
Backlund, lf	2	2	2	0
Burkhardt, c	4	0	0	1
Torncello, 2b	4	0	3	2
Mirabito, p	2	1	3	2
Loir, p	1	1	4	1
Total	34	8	27	10

BUCKOS	AB	H	PO	A
Giovanetti, 3b	5	0	3	3
Amidei, 2b	4	0	5	1
Plouf, ss	2	0	4	8
Boyce, cf	4	0	2	0
Brensel, p	3	0	5	0
Coffey, 1b	4	2	5	0
Woods, c	3	0	0	0
Rist, lf	4	2	0	0
Miller, rf	4	3	0	1	0
Tate, p	1	0	2	0
Total	33	4	27	12

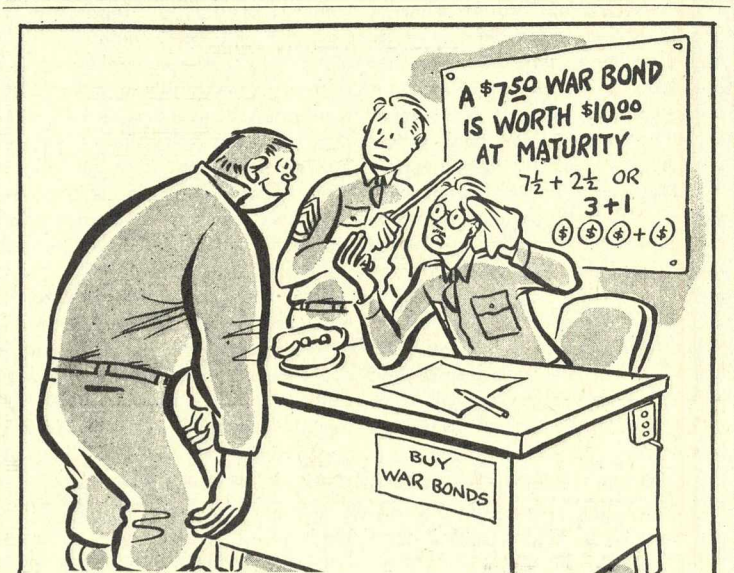
Alameda	1	1	3	0 0 0 0 0 0—5
Buckos	0	0	0	0 1 1 0 0 0—2

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of Apr. 23 to Apr. 30

MONDAY —			
Make a Record	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
'Round the Piano with Kate	SSO	1400	YMCA
Portrait Sketching, Reeda Selden	RECON	1730	YMCA
A.F.E.C. Variety Stage Show	SSO	1830	YMCA
IN PERSON! HEDDA HOPPER and her Hollywood Radio Broadcast	SSO	2015	YMCA
TUESDAY—Feature Movie	RECON	1400	YMCA
Movie "Between Two Women" Van Johnson, Marilyn Maxwell	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Photo Tinting	RECON	1800	YMCA
WEDNESDAY—ATC Band	SSO	1400	YMCA
Peanut Party and Tricks	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Between Two Women" Van Johnson, Marilyn Maxwell	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Sing with Bob	SSO	1830	YMCA
THURSDAY—Bingo—Given by Commodore-Sloat School	ARC	1330	Rec. Hall
Movie "Keep The Powder Dry" Lana Turner	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Solovox Concert, Sgt. Harold Junso	SSO	1800	YMCA
Lobby Musical and Sing	SSO	1830	YMCA
FRIDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Ward S-1
Play in the Jam Session	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Feature Movie	RECON	1800	YMCA
Night Club Party with Girl Hostesses, Entertainment, and Refreshments	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Ping Pong Tournament	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Main Street After Dark" Edward Arnold	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—			
Solovox Concert, Sgt. Harold Junso	SSO	1300	YMCA
Social Hour in the Lobby with Jr. Hostesses	RECON	1330	YMCA
Girls Choral Group—Pacifica Group	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Main Street After Dark" Edward Arnold	SSO	1830	Rec. Hall



"Let's put it this way, Woonstock. Suppose you have three bananas —"

Our Mail Box

Cpl. Gregory C. Browne, the "Brownie" of the Transportation Office, now at APO 422, c/o PM SF—sends this in:

Once aagin a line or two, this time from a lot further away, even out of the good old U.S.A. From somewhere in the Philippines come greetings to you and the rest of the old gang. I wonder how much it has changed around there. I have often thought of the old bunch, and I hear from one or two once in awhile, but often wonder about the rest.

I've seen some rough times since I left, lots of water travel, rain, weather and different climates—mostly hot and sticky.

I spent about a month 'down under' in New Guinea, where the natives are black and really native. Where the coconuts, pineapples and bananas are obtained for the picking and the weather hot as the dickens in the daytime and wet and stormy at night.

Now, up here in the Philippines it is just as hot, no rain at all so far. The fruit is just as plentiful and the natives more like our own people except for an over-dose of tropical sunshine which give them that golden brown look.

I've finally received a permanent assignment which looks like it should last for the duration, for which I am thankful. It is far from that old transportation line, but then there is something new every day. Anyway, it is something to attach myself to after all of the drifting around that I have been doing in the last year. I had really begun to think that I was doomed for ever getting an assignment.

One thing most of the fellows miss is local news and periodicals of the home front, and I was wondering if it would be possible for me to be put on the mailing list for the Foghorn, or at least get a copy of it once in awhile.

I guess there are a lot of old Lettermanites over here somewhere, but I only know of one so far, Art Corassa, who used to work in the Print Shop. He is with a Field Hospital Unit somewhere in Honolulu now, and says that while he doesn't know how long it will last, it sure is heaven while it does.

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Inspector General And Party View Debarkation Methods

Major General Howard McC. Snyder, Deputy Inspector General of the Army, and a board of officers from Washington were Letterman visitors over the weekend. The stop here was part of an itinerary that took the general and his party to a number of hospitals throughout the country for an inspection of Medical Department activities.

High on the agenda of the inspecting group was the debarkation process in the handling of the patients returning from overseas hospitals and battle area, and it just happened that a large number of sick and wounded arrived by transport over the weekend.

General Snyder and his aides had the opportunity to observe the reception of the patients, the coding process, and the routine adjustment made for the men who come back. One of the first queries made by returning patients is about the possibility of pay and that is the first step taken by the administrative section just as soon as the men are clothed. The sight of 1000 men lined up to sign the pay roll was something that fell within the vision of the visitors a few hours after the men had been debarked from the transport.

On this tour of inspection General Snyder was accompanied by Colonel William P. Holbrook, MC-AAF, Colonel Herman O. Lane, IGD, Lt. Col. James J. Callahan, MC, Lt. Col. Charles A. Dixon, WDGS, Lt. Col. Jerrold D. McCarthy, IGD, Major Kenneth W. Taber, IGD, and WOJG Thomas C. Melo, IGD. Colonel Paul E. Keller, MC, Deputy Service Command Surgeon for the Ninth Service Command made the tour of inspection with the party for the activities

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THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL
Major General Howard McC. Snyder (left) with General Hillman on the completion of the tour of inspection at Letterman.

Trio Receive Purple Heart Award

At ceremonies held in the office of the Commanding General on Wednesday morning the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart was awarded to two patients and a member of the Medical Detachment on duty at this hospital. The citation accompanying the award was read by Captain Lee Inman, Adjutant, and the medals were pinned on by Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, Commanding General.

Those honored were: Sergeant Elmer L. Young, Infantry, for wounds received in action on Corregidor Island, 29 December, 1941; Corporal Richard R. Connery, Army Air Forces, for wounds received in action on Mindanao, P.I., 15 February 1942, and Private First Class Early J. Brincefield, MD, for wounds received in action on New Britain Island, 1 January 1944.

Pfc. Brincefield also received the Good Conduct medal at the same ceremonies. He is a member of the Medical Detachment here.

Conference Begins Sessions With Brief Ceremony

The United Nations Conference on International Organization opened with impressive ceremonies at the War Memorial Opera House on Wednesday afternoon. The commanding general and several of the senior staff officers were in the vast audience which filled the Opera House from pit to roof.

The program opened with a moment of silent meditation announced by the Honorable Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., the Secretary of State for the United States, who was the presiding officer for the day. Following the prayer the President of the United States was heard speaking from Washington, and the assembled multitude listened in respectful silence to the encouraging note in the address. The Hon. Earl Warren, Governor of California, spoke a word of welcome to the assembled delegates, and that sentiment was echoed by the Hon. Roger D. Lapham, Mayor of San Francisco. The Secretary General of the Conference, Mr. Alger Hiss, made several official announcements and the opening session of the conference was adjourned.

More than a thousand accredited representatives of the press and radio world were on hand for the occasion, while the still and news reel cameras were in evidence everywhere. The colorful delegation from Saudi Arabia attracted much attention and shared the spotlight with General Ian Christian Smuts and Commissar Molotov. On the platform with the speakers of the day were representatives of each branch of the armed forces drawn up in line before the massed colors of the participating nations.

Accompanying General Hillman to the conference were Colonel

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NEW FACES NOW BEING SEEN AROUND THE OLD PLACES

In a command such as Letterman it is only normal that a constant turnover in personnel be part of the daily routine and ever so often we take stock and find so many new faces in our midst.

One of the new faces around the old places is that of Captain Margaret M. Petritz, WAC, who has just joined this station and assigned to the Laboratory branch.

The captain is a native of Rockford, Ill., and a graduate of St. Teresa's College at Winona. She took



Capt. Margaret Petritz

her medical studies and laboratory work at the medical school of the University of Cincinnati and post graduate work at Ohio State University. Her civilian experience in her professional capacity was gained on the staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton and Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield.

Captain Petritz enrolled in the WAC in July 1942 at Des Moines and received her commission as second lieutenant two months later. She has served at Daytona Beach, Camp Rustin, Ala., and after a special course at Johns Hopkins University she was assigned to the Technicians School at the Army and Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Ark. She was later the director for the Laboratory Technicians School at Wakeman General Hospital.

The captain is the first WAC officer to be assigned to the Laboratory Branch and like all pioneers she has her work cut out for her, but working under a chief like Lt. Col. Harold L. Stewart she is off to a good start.

Another new face seen around here from time to time is that of 2nd Lt. Cecilia J. Knaggs, WAC. We say from "time to time" because she has been assigned as assistant to the Officer in Charge of the laundry and the nature of duties in that activity keeps the young lieutenant rather close to her work.

Lt. Knaggs hails from Toledo, Ohio, where she graduated from Woodward High School and later attended Toledo University where she took the course in business administration. She really began her commercial career with Sears, Roebuck & Company, and after a time with that firm advanced to a position with a chain store organization in Detroit where she became buyer for a chain of 13 stores.

The lieutenant enlisted in the WAC on December 28, 1942, and took basic training at Daytona Beach. Later selected to attend OCS she went to Fort Des Moines where she was commissioned. Her first station as an officer was at Fort Devens, Mass., then a WAC training center. With her business foundation she was selected to take a course in Post Exchange



Lt. Cecilia Knaggs

management, accounting, and operation at Princeton University. The lieutenant returned to Daytona Beach on completion of the course and was assigned as assistant Post Exchange Officer. Then came a move to Camp San Luis Obispo where she was assistant, and later, Sales Officer. Once again her civilian experience prompted the Army to send her to school—this time to the Quartermaster Operations School at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Lt. Knaggs is still single, but blushingly admits there is an officer overseas who stands rather high in her affection. The wedding bells will have to wait until the war is over and then the lieutenant plans to combine home making with a commercial career.

Another face not entirely new but up to now unpublicized belongs to Lt. Alice G. Elto, assistant to the Officer in Charge of Reconditioning. She has been with us for some time and very quietly and efficiently taking much of the load from the shoulders of her immediate superior, Major Lester J. Sawyer.

Lt. Elto was born in Dillona Township, Wisconsin, which is not too far away from Madison. She explains that she makes it a point to locate her native town in relation to the state capital because few have heard of it. She went to school at St. Benedict's in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and took her college work at the University of Minnesota.

The lieutenant joined the WAC in December 1942 and began a tour that is characteristic of the members of the WAC. Her first station was Daytona Beach in Florida, and then back to Des Moines, a tour at Fort Devens, then to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and a move to Camp Kohler



Lt. Alice G. Elto

in Sacramento. She first came to San Francisco in connection with the Army Housing program and when that chore was completed she went off to the Special Services School at Lexington, Va. It was her training there which made a valuable member of the reconditioning staff at Letterman.

While regulations stipulate that officers and women of the WAC be addressed by their military rank some of the old timers will forget and use "Miss" or "Mrs." and just to keep the record straight in this instance we should make known that Lt. Elto is married. Her husband is a Sea Bee stationed in mid-Pacific area.

And some day in the future in a little town in Minnesota there will always be a topic for discussion—who won the war? The Army or the Navy? the WAC or the Sea Bees?

And now that we have run out of new faces it would not be fair to introduce the fourth young lady on this page as an old face. On the contrary it is quite young and country fresh, prominent for the bloom so often found in those escaping from the bayou country. Her home town is Cushletta, Louisiana, and she has the soft southern accent prevalent in that region. But here we are still



Lt. Wilma Sledge

fishing for a lead paragraph on why the photo in the fourth column.

Well, it is now 1st Lt. Wilma E. Sledge. The promotion came through on Tuesday of this week and everyone very happy about it. The little lady lived up to the best traditions of the service by handing out candy and cigars to her well wishers. Even before she handed out the cigars and the candy she was kissed on both cheeks French fashion by one of her admirers though she believes the American fashion is better.

Lt. Sledge is one of our delightful dietitians and knows all about calories and stuff. It is quite an asset for future happiness when she has a home of her own. Not that she definitely has her eye on anyone around here but for some time she has been trying to turn one of our oldest bachelors into the "man who came to dinner" and up to now he has wiggled off the hook. He likes good food and he likes brunettes, he says, but we cannot understand why he is still so shy on dropping in for dinner where he could enjoy both.

The lieutenant has merited her promotion and we hope it will not be too long before we may call her "Captain."

Or "Cappy"—after we knew her better.

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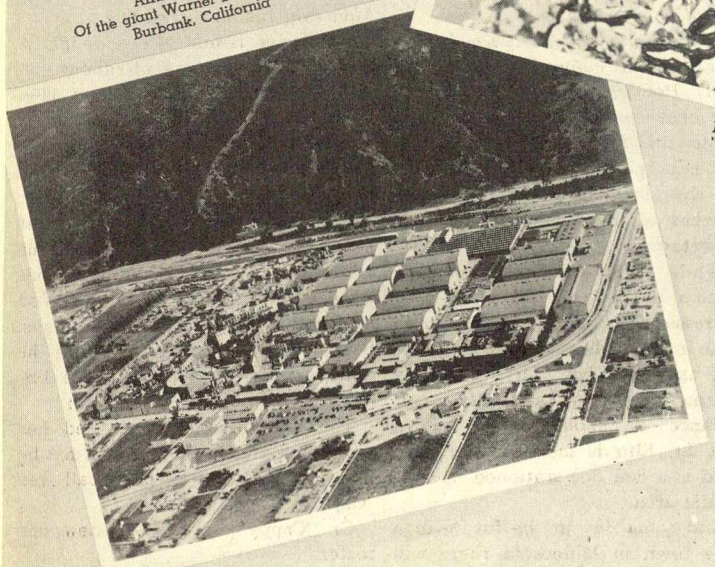
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"To the men of Letterman. Fond Regards."



ANN SHERIDAN
"To the boys at Letterman.
Good Luck."



BETTY DAVIS
"Best wishes."



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EDITORIAL

PURPLE HEART

In her Purple Heart Diary published by the Hearst newspapers, Frances Langford recently deplored the growing civilian habit of jibbing and quipping at the Purple Heart award, sometimes under the guise of humor, sometimes with ill-concealed belittlement.

"They jest at scars who never felt a wound." But the GI's do not feel that way. Miss Langford quotes one veteran, convalescing in a hospital:

"People who get shoved around in a crowded bus, or while battling their way to a nylon counter, crack 'I ought to get a Purple Heart for this.' They think it's funny, but it sure burns me up."

It burns up many others, too.

Those who remember that this decoration is an honor, a token of discipline, devotion and courage in the face of the enemy, and those who reflect that if it were not for the thousands who have earned their Purple Hearts in battle, we might all be wearing the Axis collar.

Veterans as a rule are different and even self-deprecatory about their Purple Hearts.

That is soldierly modesty.

But for others who have never heard a shot fired in anger to joke lightly about the decoration, is not only bad taste, but a confession of unpatriotic negligence.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Colonel **Russel H. Patterson** gathering his family and driving back to Brigham City to his new station at Bushnell General Hospital.

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Miss **Hedda Hopper** expressing her deep regret over the circumstances which caused the cancellation of her radio broadcast on Monday evening.

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Lt. Col. **Ray L. Allison** getting a pass from Camp McQuaide for a visit to some of his old friends at Letterman.

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The new golden leaves on the shoulder loop of Major **Rex Clayton** —one of our real old timers. Congratulations.

Lt. Col. **Charles M. Butler,** Inspector General for the Ninth Service Command, here for the annual inspection—and welcome.

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New "director's" chairs for the Gray Ladies who are doing such a fine job over on K-2.

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Lt. **Irene M. de Fonteny** limping around the Evacuation Office. Low heels, high heels, or somethin.'

News From Home

New Orleans (CNS)—Lacking ration points, Luther Schmeeler couldn't buy meat. Meatless, he was walking home when a 40-pound tuna fell off a fish truck and conked him on the skull. The Schmeelers ate hearty that night.

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—A city budget hearing was interrupted when a glass skylight fell out of the city hall roof, conking a councilman on the nob. Funds for repairs to roof and councilman were added to the budget immediately.

Camden, N. J. (CNS)—Grounds for divorce: George Hoover, his wife charges, stole her electric iron, her china, a 5-pound sack of sugar, her fur coat and her girdle, as well as $2 from their baby's piggy bank and then spent the $2 and pawned the other items.

A medal is little enough to get for risking one's life for one's country.

The least it should receive is respect and a humble salute from all who see it.

—San Francisco Examiner.

WAC

How do you do? This is the newest group of the personnel of Letterman General Hospital, starting our own column, and very glad to be here, thank you.

We think that this is one of the loveliest places in the world, and one of the most satisfying places in which to work. We like the hospital, we like the people here, the Presidio, the bay, the Golden Gate Bridge, and even those so-musical fog horns.

We would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful way in which we have been made welcome . . . even paint on the **inside** of the barracks! It's a pleasure. When we first came here, we lived in Ward H-1, but now the WAC Section is growing at such a rapid pace that not only have we moved into a barracks, we have filled it up and started in on another. At the moment of writing, our assigned strength is 59.

Right now Lt. Stevenson, our Commanding Officer, is making shift with a cadre room in the barracks in lieu of an orderly room. Another cadre room is serving as a day room. But just wait! In our area there is much activity. Soon we will have a regular GI orderly room and a nice day room. At that time we will be happy to return some of the welcome we have received in haunts formerly masculine only.

Earl Jenzen left his home in Chicago, Army-bound, in January, 1942, and has never been there since, as he went overseas in November of that year. The 23rd of this month he came up the ramp at Letterman as a patient . . . and there was his sister, working here in the uniform of the Army. Pvt. Elaine Jenzen and Pfc. Earl Jenzen "saw each other at the same time, yelled at the same time, dashed at the same time . . . and that's all there was to it," to quote Elaine. Neither had seen the other in uniform before, and Earl had no idea his sister was at Letterman. They both received passes, and the WAC Section is very happy for them.

Another happy pair are Pvt. Dorothey Janice McCullough and Pvt. Lawrence Neil McCullough, Jr. Until the morning of the 25th she was Pvt. Adams. They were married at 10:30 in the Hospital Chapel by Chaplain Guy C. Teterick. Dorothy is from Shelby, Miss., and is former student of the Southwest University at Memphis. Her husband is from Albuquerque, N. Mex. He attended Tulane University at New Orleans. They met at the William Beaumont Training School, where they were both studying to be laboratory technicians. They each have a 10-day furlough, and we wish them a happy honeymoon.

Affairs of the heart seem to be occupying the column this week, but to quote a famous advertisement, "She's lovely! She's engaged." We refer to Pvt. Jean Marshall, who has just announced her engagement to S 2/c Eugene McNamee, of Minneapolis. She is from Kansas City. They met in Chicago, six months ago. He just came in from carrier duty and has gone to New London, Conn., to take submarine training. He will return in August, and the wedding will take place at that time in Letterman Chapel.

An unusual but beautiful note has been added to our strictly GI barracks. A GI bucket full of lovely roses. They belong to Pvt. Carpenter, whose husband, on duty in the South Pacific, sent them to her.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, April 29, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the command at Letterman is extended to Mr. Clarence R. Lindner on the death of his wife, Mrs. Gladys Lindner, which occurred suddenly on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Lindner was a very good friend to Letterman through all these war years and her interest in the welfare of service men prompted intense activity for the Stage Door Canteen. She arranged for the frequent visits of large groups of the patients to the Canteen and will long be remembered for her generosity.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



EVALINE L. BLANCO
Pvt., WAC

A seasoned traveler is our Buck of the Week. Pretty Evaline L. Blanco, Private in the Women's Army Corps, and X-Ray Technician, has a background that could be equalled by few girls.

Evaline was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and lived there for four years. Her father was a professor at the University of Wisconsin and taught Spanish. Her next three years were spent in Athens, Ohio, where her father taught at the University of Ohio. Her traveling started, when, at the age of 7, Evaline's father took her to Barcelona, Spain, to show her off to his parents. She remembers eight months there of taking life easy, and enjoying the beautiful lights and waterworks at night at the 1930 Exposition.

Folowing their visit to Barcelona, Evaline and her father really started traveling. They saw Gibraltar, Spanish Morocco, the Azore Islands, and the Canary Islands. South America was also on their itinerary, and they visited Caracas, capital of Venezuela, Panama, and went through the Panama Canal. Tahiti was their goal, and to Tahiti they went.

Evaline lived in Tahiti for six years, and attended a French Missionary School. From there she went to New Caledonia, where she attended a French Government School, equivalent to high school and junior college in the U.S.

After Pearl Harbor, Evaline returned to the United States, where she lived in Cleveland, Ohio, until her enlistment in the WAC in August of 1944. She hoped to be sent overseas as an interpretor, as she speaks both French and Spanish fluently. She took her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and then was given a four month course in X-Ray at Fitzsimmons Hospital

"THE ROAD AHEAD" PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING

The Army, Navy, American Red Cross and representatives of industry will join forces in a new radio series "The Road Ahead" designed to promote better understanding between civilians and returning casualties of war, it was announced here today. This series will be a regular, weekly half-hour feature over KGO, beginning Wednesday, May 2, at 6:00-6:30 p.m.

The programs will originate from a different U.S. Military Hospital each week, with the opening broadcast coming direct from Walter Reed Hospital, in Washington, and the second from the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. Participants will be the wounded men themselves, assisted by famous stars of the entertainment world. "The Road Ahead" will provide a platform for the casualties to tell the people back home of their outlook for the future and to speak their minds on the reception and treatment they hope to encounter in civilian life. The series will also explore other matters of wide-spread interest in the immediate situation of the veterans. Prominent among these will be authoritative on-the-spot reports on the work of military medicine and on the reconditioning facilities and methods employed in Army and Navy hospitals and convalescent centers.

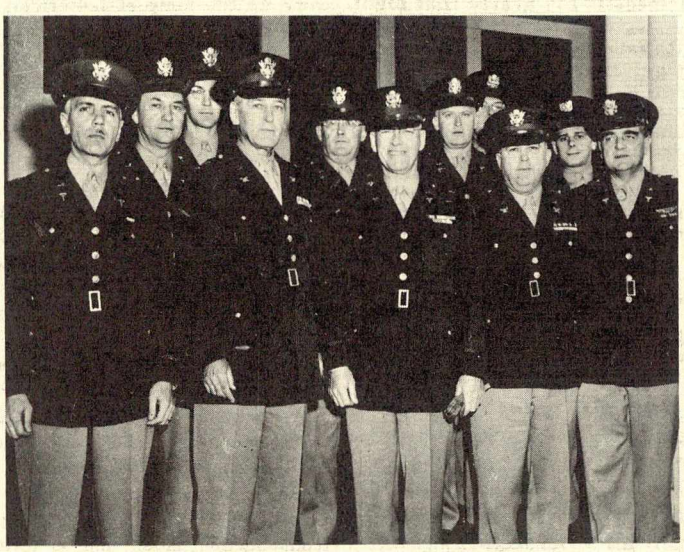
Bing Crosby and Bob Hope have been designated as co-chairman of the Hollywood Program Committee for the project, and will appear personally on the series, as conditions permit. Hospital locations will be selected in consultations with the staffs of Major General Norman T. Kirk and Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, Surgeons General of the Army and Navy.

"The Road Ahead" was a year in preparation, and Basil O'Connor, National Chairman of the Red Cross, in commenting on the undertaking said:

"In its wider aspects, the plan gives promise of playing a vital part in the liquidation of what is proving to be one of the gravest psychological problems created by the present conflict."

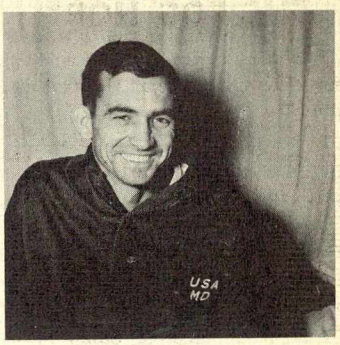
Major General Norman T. Kirk and Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntyre fully concur in their opinion as to the importance of the series.

"One of the very necessary jobs of today and tomorrow," said Major General Kirk, "is to bring about a greater understanding and realization of the problems which confront us in the re-assimilation of our war casualties. "The Road Ahead" presents an informative radio program direct from our hospitals involving the casualities themselves and humanizing the reconditioning plans of the Army and Navy. This program should become an important factor in the building of an effective and productive link between the folks back home and those who are being reconditioned."



The Inspector General's party

ON THE SPOT



BILL BAILEY
Private

Just how tough Infantry action can be and how well trained Infantrymen can take it was illustrated by Private Bill Bailey, 32-year-old Infantryman from Jasper, Alabama. In combat they sometimes get so tired that even the explosion of a hand grenade a few feet away will not awaken them.

"I know because I saw it happen on Leyte," explained Private Bailey. "There were three of us in a v-shapd trench, with a foxhole at the point. I was on guard in the foxhole. The other two men were sleeping. We were all tired because we had been marching all that day."

The grenade, tossed by a Jap who had crawled inside the American perimeter, hit Private Bailey's helmet as it fell in the foxhole. He had just enough time to get the upper part of his body into one wing of the trench before the grenade exploded.

"I wanted to protect my head and chest from fragments and was able to do so," recalled the Alabaman in an interview at Letterman General Hospital, "though I was wounded in the hip and right foot. The grenade almost burst my ear drums when it went off, but the other two men continued sleeping as though nothing had happened. It took me several minutes to rouse one of them.

"He didn't believe at first I had been hit, though I was lying almost on top of him when it happened. The other man didn't wake up until the next morning when I was given first aid. You have to be mighty tired to sleep like that."

Winner of the Combat Infantryman Badge—for exemplary conduct in action—in addition to the Purple Heart, Private Baily bagged about "a dozen" Japs while fighting with the 77th Infantry Division on Guam and Leyte before being put out of

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MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: T/5th Gr. Angelo L. Leone appointed Sgt., T/5th Gr. John R. Barsocchini and T/5th Gr. Claude R. Johnson, appointed T/4th Gr., Pvt. Walter H. Jones, appointed Corporal, Pvt. Orland R. Dial, appointed T/5th Gr.

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A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: M/Sgt. John T. Harrison and Pvt. Earl H. Gibson.

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The year round—furloughs are always the order of the day. Lucky GI's during the past week were: Pvt. Paul L. McCorkle, with 25 days; T/4th Gr. Robert B. McCoy, T/5th Gr. Foy D. Stam, Pvts. Cecil A. Eli, Nicholas Mortillaro, and Elmer G. Richey, each with 23 days; T/5th Gr. Thomas F. Johnston and Pvt. Willie G. Spears, each with 21 days; Pvt. Salvadore Casino and Vernon Russell, each with 17 days; Cpl. Ben J. Asaro with 15 days; Pvt. Augustine V. Ayala, with 12 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/Sgt. John V. Ryan back from furlough looking as though he enjoyed himself. He appears to have lost weight around the waistline and put some on under the eyes.

First Sgt. Calvin D. Williams now trying his luck at snooker and taking to the game like a veteran.

Pvt. Pete W. Kasovich returned to Letterman after a short tour of duty elsewhere. He is now a wardman on Ward S-1. (Welcome back Pete!)

Everyone in the P.X. Bar wondering when Cpl. Isadore LaFranco, the genial manager of the Bar is going to change the Chef's Special from a hamuburger to a hot dog.

Sgt. Robert C. Moore dropping into the inner sanctum to tell us that Sgt. Beuford E. Folsom, a former member of the detachment wishes to say "Hello" to the old gang via the Fog Horn from somewhere in France.

T/4th Gr. Arno A. Savage, the new wardmaster on Ward "G" doing a fine job.

BEAMING BECKY BROWN BANISHES BEETLED BROWS AND BRUSHES



Mrs. BECKY BROWN TAYLOR
Warner Bros. featured movie player

For a young lady following a profession that pines for publicity Mrs. Becky Brown Taylor is an outstanding exception. For a long time we have known of her achievements on the legitimate stage and her recent transition to the screen but we have never hitherto been able to wangle a photo to grace our pages.

Becky Brown, to use her professional name, married into the Letterman family not too long ago and she was a welcome addition. Our memory goes back to last Christmas eve when she accompanied her husband on the distribution of the brand new $5 bills sent out by the "Examiner" for the patients at Letterman. It was a time when most people could have found many personal affairs demanding attention but Becky found it a real pleasure to play the part of Santa Claus. For the men on the receiving end it was a Merry Christmas—to be handed $5 in coin of the realm—and from Becky. The man in her life later remarked that although he was the official distributor very few even saw him. Too many eyes on Becky—and not without reason.

Mrs. Taylor is a native of Knoxville, Tenn., and has traveled extensively in her stage work. She played one of the leading parts in "The Dough Girls' 'and was seen on the local stage in that presentation. While in town during that period she found time to visit the patients on Ward F-2 on several afternoons each week and the long hours were considerably brightened for the wounded men by her presence. That was in the days when patients remained here for extended definitive treatment and it helped to have pleasant visitors who called often.

For the past year Becky has been with Warner Bros. studios at Burbank and will shortly be seen in a picture to be released. We could not get the name of the production as Becky modestly says her performance should stand on its merits and she does not favor any pre-organization of a claque.

At this point in the perusal some of our readers may wish to know who the mister in that family might be, and we hasten to add he is not a mister—he is a major—Major Charles M. Taylor.

And we like him too.

1960

Detachment 2 was honored by a visit from Capt. F. A. Damerest's young daughter, Penny, last week. It seems that T/Sgt. L. Saylor is particularly adapted to handling young children.

The men of Detachment 3 thank Pvt. A. W. Erickson for the swell job he did in the Orderly Room. Pvt. Erickson claims to be the best painter in the outfit.

A quiet wedding took place here last week. The happy pair were T/5 Frank Dwelle of Detachment 1 and his lovely bride, the former Miss Alice M. Viar of Portland, Oregon. Best man was T/5 Edward Ballagae of HQ Det. The bridesmaid was Miss Margaret Becker of San Francisco.

Last Thursday afternoon at the Post Chapel, the first Officer Wedding of SCU 1960 took place, when lovely Miss Bette Baxa was married to our popular Capt. Walter E. Heck. Miss Baxa is a Red Cross Hospital Train worker. Lt. John Fields was best man, and Louise Bunker was the bridesmaid. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

T/4 Glen Bond, while in New York recently, was stopped for an interview by a reporter and photographer for Life magazine. We're all waiting to see you in Life, Glen.

The cocktail party held the evening of the twenty-third for the officers and nurses of 1960 turned out to be a gala affair. Everyone had a grand time. Some of those participating were Brig. General Charles C. Hillman; Col. Brown S. McClintic; Lt. Col. Algot R. Nelson; CO of 1960 SCU, Capt. Russel G. Blackman; Capt. Clel R. Tally and many others.

Says Sgt. Jimmy Calabrese, "they'll have to make bigger and better trucks to really do much damage to me," after one hit him Saturday night.

The following named enlisted men of 1960 SCU, HTU received promotions this past week. To sergeant; Cpl. Lester J. Miller, Cpl. William R. Birdsong, Cpl. Steven Blake; to technician fourth grade; Cpl. Shelley F. Gill, Cpl. Lester L. Graham, Cpl. Howard D. Hoy, Cpl. Gavin N. Paul; to technician fifth grade; Pfc. Joseph C. Cassel, Pfc Kenton L. Grave, Pfc Virgil W. Hopkins.

The Stork Was Here

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Warren K. Dietzel,** a son, Rodney Thomas, born 15 April, weight 2 pounds 4 ounces.

To Pfc. and **Mrs. Willard L. Childs,** a daughter, Venita Lee, born 17 April, weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Robert B. Millstone,** a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, born 17 April, weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Robert J. Beckley,** a daughter, Jo Ann Sinclair, born 19 April, weight 7 pounds.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **John R. Swee,** a son, Jay Lawrence, born 19 April, weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Albert E. Cook,** a daughter, Pamela Ann, born 20 April, weight 8 pounds 15 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **John C. Burke,** a son, Clarke Michael, born 20 April, weight 6 pounds 5 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Frank E. Pullium,** a son, Michael David, born 22 April, weight 5 pounds 5 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Robert G. Cole,** a daughter, Virginia Lee, born 21 April, weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **John E. O'Brien,** a son, John Michael, born 21 April, weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Leonard Stiller,** a son, Richard Jay, born 21 April, weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. **Harold B. Chaplin,** a daughter, Judith Anne, born 22 April, weight 8 pounds 1 ounce.

To Warrant Office and Mrs. **Sheldon A. Moore,** a son, Charles Carter, born 22 April, weight 8 pounds 3 ounces.

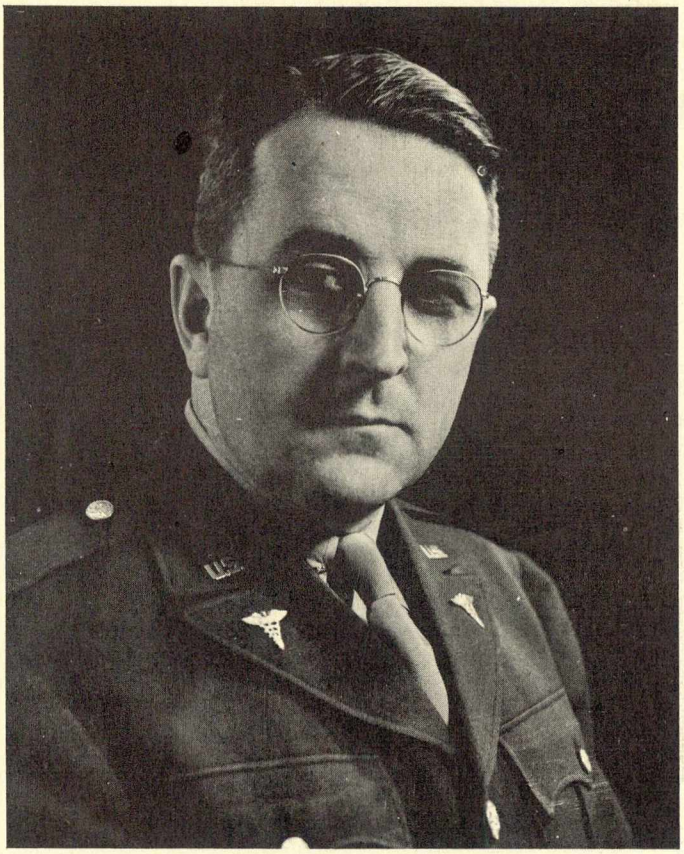
MORE ABOUT ON THE SPOT

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action himself. His proudest achievement in battle was knocking out a pillbox singlehandedly with a hand grenade.

"That happened on Guam while we were storming a hilltop where some Japs were strongly entrenched," he said. "This particular pillbox had been giving us a lot of trouble. It was built like a storm cellar in the side of the hill. I crawled up from one side, got on top of it and dropped two hand grenades through the peephole. There was no more firing from that pillbox. When we examined it later, we found one dead Jap and two seriously wounded ones inside."

NEW CHIEF OF SURGICAL SERVICE A WELCOME ADDITION TO STAFF



Lt. Col. JOHN D. LAMON, Jr., M.C.
New Chief of the Surgical Service

It is always a pleasant duty to welcome newcomers to Letterman General Hospital and we shall make no exception of Lieut. Colonel John Daniel Lamon, Medical Corps, who recently assumed his duties as Chief of Surgical Services. Upon his shoulders fall the responsibility of coordinating all activities of the Surgical Service.

Macon, Georgia was the birthplace of our new chief, which accounts for his soft speaking voice. He tells us that Christmas day is a double celebration for him as December 25th is his birthday.

Colonel Lamon enjoyed a normal happy boyhood in Georgia. His schooling was provided by the local high school, and his quest for higher learning took him to the University of Georgia, where he graduated with the class of 1925 with his B.S. and M.D. His post graduate work was taken at the University Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, and the Mayo Clinic. From 1930 to 1941 he was Surgeon to the Lovelace Clinic in Albuqueque, New Mexico.

On November 1, 1941, Colonel Lamon entered upon extended active duty, and was assigned as Chief of the Surgical Service at Darnall General Hospital, Danville, Kentucky. He served there until March, 1943, when he was transferred to McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington. His first six months at McCaw General Hospital were spent as executive officer and for the next year he acted as Chief of the Surgical Service.

Lieut. Col. Lamon was transferred to Letterman General Hospital on April 1st of this year, and professes to like it very much. He replaces Colonel Russel H. Patterson who left Letterman for his new station at Bushnell General Hospital at Brigham City, Utah.

Ten years ago Colonel Lamon took as his bride Miss Mabel Cahoon, and they are now the proud parents of a four year old son, William Chase Lamon. We bid welcome to Col. Lamon and his family, and wish him a pleasant stay here. From what we've seen of him we like him.

DANTE ANTICS

In addition to those mentioned in our column last week, 2nd Lts. Roberta Flynn, and Doris Davis, ANC, Anita Naylor, HD, and Virginia B. George, ANC, are leaving our staff. We welcome 1st Lt. Nancy Kinsey, ANC, and 2nd Lt. Celesta Johnson, ANC, both assigned to duty here after service in the South Pacific theatre.

The biggest topic of the week here is the Seventh War Loan Drive. Many men of the Detachment who have not had a regular deduction for Bonds in the past are entering applications for the "GI" bonds to be deducted regularly from their pay. While some have applied for larger denominations to be deducted, and all have signified their intention to participate during the drive by buying bonds for cash, we at Dante are aiming for 100% participation in this drive, and won't be satisfied with anything less. Civilian applications have long been at a high level at Dante, having reached 98% participation at one period. Still, since the drive for deductions opened April 9th, the War Bond Office has been bombarded with applications for increases in deductions to help swell the total for this Drive. A big Bond Rally is scheduled for May 14th, when the drive for cash sales begins. Keep your eye on Dante!

Several of the members of the staff here have formed a bowling team and have entered the Broadway-Van Ness Bowling League for the summer series. At the present time, the squad is composed of the following men: Robert Bechtol, Capt., MC, Herman Maul, Capt., MC, Marshall R. Werner, Cpt., MC, Lem Wilson, Capt., MC, John L. Martin, 2nd Lt., MAC, and Sgt. Vincent Celluci. The first match was played April 24th, and resulted in a split for the local team, for they won one and lost two.

Through an arrangement with the Armed Forces Entertainment Committee, the patients at Dante are to enjoy a greatly expanded program of music and song. Two professional shows per month have been added to the schedule here. In line with the expansion program arrangements have been made to improve the stage and lighting facilities so that more ambitious and varied types of enterainment may be presented.

GI Racketeers Take Over Black Market In La Belle France

NEW YORK—The most complete report to date on the GI racketeers who worked with the French Black Market is featured in the May 4th issue of YANK, The Army Weekly.

Reading like a gangster novel of the twenties, YANK's article describes the methods used by the Army's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) men in tracking down the gang of AWOLs who did a million dollar business in stolen GI supplies and gasoline.

The GI mobsters used all the tricks of the old prohibition gangs plus a few more twists of their own including the French equivalent of American gun molls, who assisted in making deals for the stolen supplies.

Gang organization reached its highest level of perfection in the so-called Vincennes gang, which was directed by an AWOL medic with a powerful imagination. Posing as an MP lieutenant, he rounded up some AWOLs in a Montmartre bar and told them that they faced death by hanging for desertion. Then he relented. They looked like pretty good boys, he said, and if they did him a favor he'd be willing to let them go. The favor was to drive his trucks and join his "outfit." Thoroughly scared, they agreed.

Little by little this boss added to his T/O until he had from 60 to 70 men and from 20 to 30 trucks. The outfit was conducted along strictly military lines with reveille, special orders, promotions, passes to town and duty rosters. It had everything, in fact, except Good Conduct Medals and rotation. The men lived in a warehouse for four months without the real MPs or the neighboring French civilians ever dreaming that the gang was anything but a legitimate military unit.

MORE ABOUT INSPECTOR GENERAL

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located within the territory under the jurisdiction of the Ninth Service Command.

Just before leaving by Army plane for Salt Lake General Snyder expressed deep satisfaction with the debarkation procedures and methods in operation at Letterman.

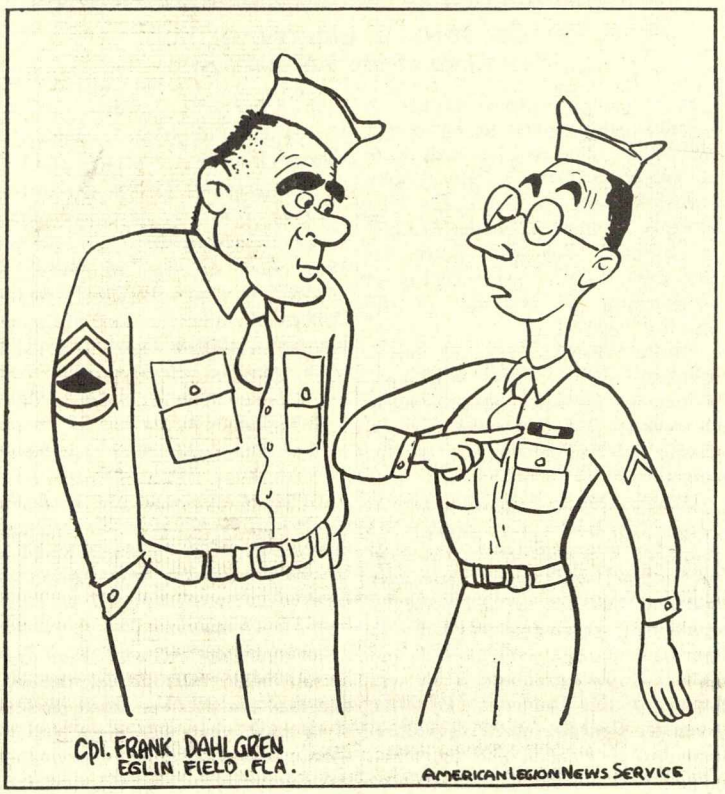
ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of Apr. 30 to May 7

MONDAY—Open House, Girl Hostesses—Refreshments—Games	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
A.F.E.C. Variety Stage Show	SSO	1830	YMCA
TUESDAY—Movie "Brewsters Millions" Dennis O'Keefe, Rochester	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Music in Lobby	SSO	1830	YMCA
WEDNEDAY—Alameda Naval Air Station Band	SSO	1400	Patio
Lois Moran Young—Former Movie Actress in speaking on "What's Doing in Hollywood"	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—Portrait Sketching with Grace Goodyear	RECON	1400	YMCA
Movie "Delightfully Dangerous" Jean Powell	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso	SSO	1800	YMCA
FRIDAY—Glenn & Dorothy, KPO Favorites	SSO	1400	Ward S-1
Varieties in Swing Time, ATC Hamilton Field Band, S/Sgt. Joe Stabile, Conductor	SSO	1400	Patio
United Nations Party, Girl Hostesses—Refreshments—Games	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Movie "Salty O'Rourke" Allan Ladd, Gale Russell	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—Rene' Sarazen and his NCCS Variety Program	SSO	1430	YMCA
Girl's Band—Variety Acts, Refreshments by Balboa H. S.	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall

(Honorable Mention—ALNS Cartoon Contest)



"Well, if you'd just behave yourself, you, too, could get one of these Good Conduct medals."

OUR MAIL BOX

The following letter was received by the Commanding General from a former patient and is published for general information. It is good to know our efforts are appreciated.

I want to thank the staff at Letterman General Hospital for the efficient manner in which they handled us liberated prisoners of war who arrived in San Francisco on March 8. I would like especially to thank the following for their splendid treatment: The Medical Corps men of Ward T-1, who were always willing to help us and had the answers to all our questions.

The Major in the Dental Clinic who made me a set of teeth—uppers and lowers. He fitted them on Sunday so that I might have them for the Civic Parade. I also want to thank his assistant, Mrs. Beebe.

I want to thank the Quartermaster who outfitted us with new uniforms, including low shoes—as well as his staff of women who worked on Sunday sewing overseas stripes and chevrons on our blouses that we might have same for the parade.

Please convey my expressions to the Finance Officer who gave us a partial payment at 9:00 p.m. on the night of our arrival.

I also wish to include the telephone operators who certainly went to a lot of trouble to get the telephone calls through for us. Thanks to the young lady in transportation who got my ticket for me—to the Gray Ladies who were at all times a help to me. Without their assistance I would not have seen my nephew.

Thanks to the sergeant in the Detachment of Patients who got me a check from the Patients' Fund for the money that I had deposited with them. To all the personnel of Letterman General Hospital who made my stay at the hospital a pleasant one, I give my deep appreciation.

Yours very truly,

/s/ M/Sgt. Wilbur F. Disoway.

MORE ABOUT CONFERENCE BEGINS

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Brown S. McClintic, Executive Officer, Colonel William D. Herbert, Registrar, Colonel Boyd S. Smith, Chief of the Dental Service, Colonel Ross Paull, Chief of the Medical Service, and Colonel Harvey F. Hendrickson, Hospital Inspector.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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Confrence Chief Greets Letterman Patients at Meet

"It's something we'll never see again in a lifetime. We were really fortunate." That is how one Letterman patient, representative of the 30 who attended the Tuesday plenary session of the world security conference, described his impressions.

Sergeant George Constandi of Hartford, Conn., spoke with enthusiasm of Secretary of State Stettinius and quoted from memory the words that the conference chairman used in presenting the patients to the assembly:

" 'And at this time,' " Constandi quoted Stettinius as saying, " 'I want to introduce some very special guests. They're a group of boys from a neighboring hospital who have all returned from overseas.

" 'Some of these boys have been wounded. There they are'—and he waved a hand at us—'right in the center of the audience. Let's show our appreciation of them. Please stand up boys.' "

"We stood up. About 100 cameramen rushed from all directions." While photographers were taking shots "everyone was standing and yelling and applauding," continued Constandi. "It was really a thrill."

Both Constandi and T/Sgt. Leonard E. Baumert of Howell, Nebr., praised especially the speeches of Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts and Blatta Ephrem Tewelde Medhen, Ethiopian Minister to the United States.

Before the meeting Stettinius greeted and shook hands with all the patients, assembled outside the south portico of the Opera House.

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Major RUTH WAGNER, A.N.C.
Letterman old timer who received her golden leaves last week

Hillman-Shallenberger Nuptials This Evening

The marriage of Miss Mary Louise Hillman, daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. Charles C. Hillman, and Captain Garvin F. Shallenberger, Infantry, AUS, will take place this evening at the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco, at 2000. Officiating at the ceremony will be Chaplain Guy C. Tetirick, assistant Post Chaplain of Letterman General Hospital.

Reception will follow at the Officers' Club, Presidio of San Francisco.

Lots to See Hereabout By Sidewalk Superintendents

The founder of the local chapter of the Sidewalk Superintendents' Association took a walk around the post this week to note the progress of construction on all fronts of the command.

He found an ideal hole where the new swimming pool will be located within another three months and the engineer-inspector presented a verbal portrait of a building that will be second to none in this area. In the immediate vicinity of the pool he marked the progress of the new gymnasium. Foundations have been completed and the structure should be ready for use about the time the swimming pool is completed.

Over at the Crossy Annex a small army of workmen were very busy with the alterations to existing buildings, and the erection of additional facilities, to house approximately 800 patients. One of the features of this installation will be a 400 foot combined kitchen and mess hall and the exterior of the building will be finished in stucco.

The new theatre will have inclined floorway so that the screen will be visible from all parts. The recreation building will have extra wide windows on the front facing the bay where the $1,000,000 view may be enjoyed by the patients in moments of relaxation. The Telephone Center, to be furnished through the interest of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, promises to be the focal point for the men just home from overseas, and the post office will be located at one end of the same building.

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MEDICAL AID MEN KEEP WELL TO THE FRONT IN THIS WAR

"The 'Coach' has been hit!"

The cry went up, and a company medical aid man, disregarding the flying bullets, rose to his feet and dashed to the spot where Lieutenant Colonel Theron R. Stuelke, of 1319 High Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa, lay semi-conscious, blood pouring from deep wounds in the face where he had been struck by fragments of a Jap mortar shell.

Just as the aid man knelt beside the Colonel, known affectionately to his men as "The Coach" because of his peacetime civilian occupation, a Jap sniper fired a shot that went between the two men, missing them both by inches. It was the last shot the sniper ever fired for he was promptly killed by a Doughboy.

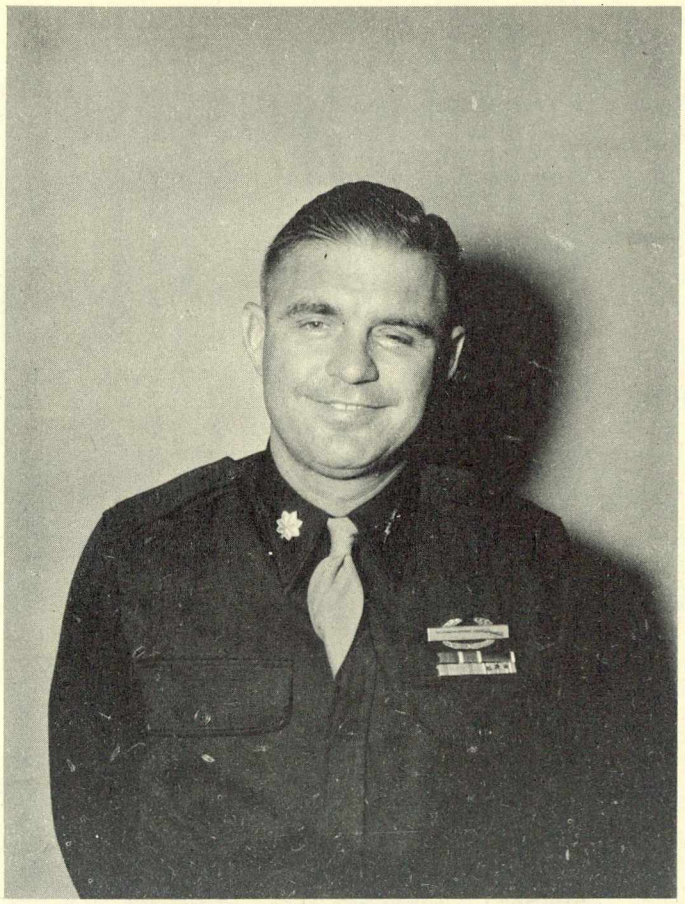
That's how close Colonel Stuelke came to death while serving as a battalion commander in the 6th Infantry Division in the fighting on Luzon, and that's why he is now back in the United States. He was interviewed here while awaiting transfer to O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri, for further treatment.

Colonel Stuelke was wounded on January 25 as he squatted on the ground watching the progress of his battalion as it fought to take a strategic road junction.

Colonel Stuelke was a Reserve officer, obtaining his commission as a student at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1931. In civilian life he was high school athletic coach in Council Bluffs, where his wife and 9-year-old son still live. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stuelke, make their home in Nashua, Iowa. He was called to active duty in May, 1941, and joined the 63rd Infantry Division.

The big, good-natured officer led his battalion through the hot fighting in the Southwest Pacific and on Luzon. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for the work of his battalion in taking a strongly held Japanese hill in the Maffin Bay sector of Dutch New Guinea, and he has won the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. He has the Purple Heart, and his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon has three stars for the three campaigns in which he took part. He is eligible for the Philippine Liberation ribbon because of the Luzon campaign.

The officers and noncommissioned officers in a combat unit of the American Army have the absolute faith and confidence of the men under them, according to the former coach.



Lt. Col. THERON R. STUELKE
Infantry

"Never in my life," he said, "have I seen more dependence placed in leaders than the Doughboys place in their officers and noncoms. And I've never seen such dependence better justified, I might add."

But while the Infantryman has implicit faith in the officers over him, he still has the initiative and self-reliance to carry on by himself if the need arises, the Colonel explained.

"And that's something the Jap soldier cannot do," he added.

"The average Japanese has a single-track brain, and once he has been given a mission to carry out, he'll do that or do nothing, no matter what unforeseen circumstances come up," Colonel Stuelke went on. "The American Doughboy will use his head.

"Once on Luzon, a party of five Japs carrying explosives filtered through out lines, bent on setting off the charges in the muzzles of a battery of '105's' that had been plastering them. We surprised them as they were passing through one of our ammunition dumps.

"We killed them all, but not before they had had ample time to blow up the whole area. But they made no effort to set off their charges and simply waited to be killed. They had orders to put those cannon out of action, and if they couldn't do that, they would do nothing."

Colonel Stuelke saw to it that every man in his battalion was trained to handle any weapon in the unit.

"Private John Doe, rifleman, might not know all there is to know about the mortar or the machine-gun, but I saw to it he knew enough to take over any of these weapons and operate it effectively in a pinch."

"I found that this policy paid off," he declared.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Rise and shine, civilians! Here's a chance to express yourselves. Starting today, your activities will be recorded in this column. Because there are so many of us here at Letterman, because we're represented in every branch, and because we're contributing in no small way to the war effort, we'll use this space to let everyone know what gives with the civvies.

So, if you want to be in the swing of things, send us any choice bits of news. Any item that you think would be of interest, such as parties, vacations, entertainment, arrivals and departures, and so on, should be telephoned in to Local 2462 or sent in to the Employee Relations Section, CPB. Or if you bump into Helen Jensen or Warren Colin in the hall, give them the lowdown.

The biggest news of this week is the fact that six civilians have been awarded 10 year service emblems. Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman made the awards and thanked each one personally. He said that he hoped they would all be here for many more years, and referred to numerous letters he has received from former patients at the hospital praising the excellent service and the efficiency of the installation. The loyal civilian workers are directly responsible for such fine commendation, stated General Hillman. The honored employees were Beulah Stuart, a super clerk-steno. from the Medical Branch, Alyce T. Willig, Dalmacio Ricaforte, Atenedoro Macahilig, Fermin Gundran, and Mariano Guron, all from the Nurses' Quarters. They all deserve our very highest praise and we heartily congratulate them on their achievement.

Mary Bensen tells us that on Tuesday, May 8, at 2:30 p.m., a bus will be waiting in front of the Administration Bldg. to take donors to the Red Cross Blood Bank. Just phone Miss Maude Redd at Local 3561 to let her know you'll be there. It doesn't take long, doesn't hurt a bit, and we hear through the grapevine that you'll get the rest of the afternoon off. So, take advantage of the convenient transportation and join the group. You'll be justly proud to have helped our fighting men.

SOME SPECIAL EVENTS VIEWED AT LETTERMAN THIS WEEK



RHODODENDRONS IN BLOOM
AND Miss Gloria Stockhausen right in the middle.



BACK AT THE DESK
Lt. Col. Seth O. Craft returns to duty after his hospital sojourn.

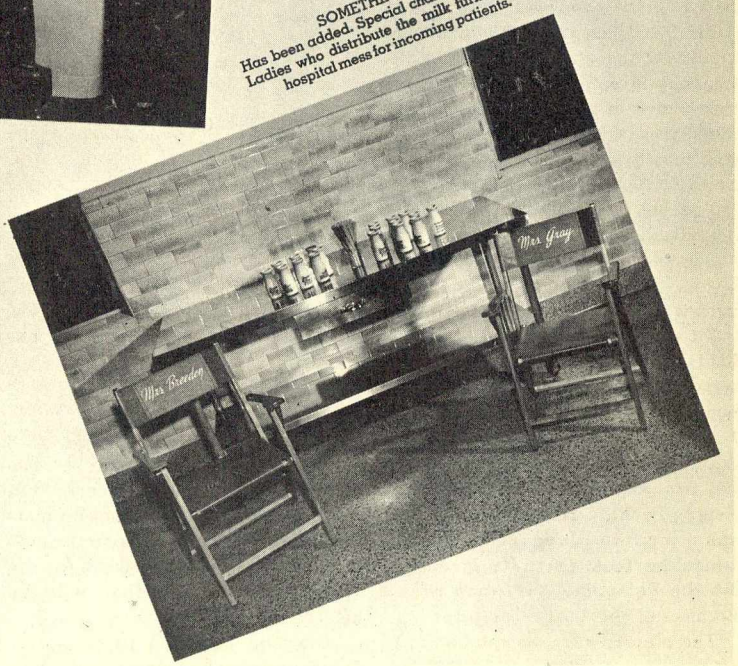


THE PURPLE HEART
Medal pinned on Pfc. Early J. Princefield, of our own detachment, by the Commanding General.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Awards for 10 years of faithful service. Presented by Gen. Hillman to Miss Beulah Stuart, Mrs. Alyce T. Willig, Mariono Guron, Delmacio Ricaforte, Fermin Gundran, and Atenedoro Macohilig.



SOMETHING NEW
Has been added. Special chairs for the Gray Ladies who distribute the milk furnished by hospital mess for incoming patients.



THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

THE OPEN DOOR

One of the oldest traditions in the military service has it that the door to the Chaplain's Office is always open to anyone in the command.

Here at Letterman we are proud to keep alive that tradition and the door to the Chaplain's Office is open at all times to all people. There is a welcome awaiting the patients, the duty soldier, the civilian employee, the welfare worker, and anyone assigned or affiliated with the hospital in any capacity.

Lately we learned that some of our people were under the impression, or had been told, that it was necessary to go "through channels" before calling on the chaplain for service or counsel. That impression is not well founded, and no one should assume the right to set up an intermediary en route to the Chaplain's Office.

The Commanding General is in accord with the tradition—the door to the Chaplain's Office is always open—and the chaplains of this command are alert to their opportunities for service.

Take advantage of the Open Door.

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS) — Arthur Schwartz has invented a combination snowplow and lawnmower. The ingredients: a frying pan, an electric motor, a garbage pail, a length of stove pipe and 2 pulley wheels.

THE OBSERVER SAW

A new face in the Public Relations Office—Pvt. **Jeanne Reha,** WAC—and she is an "old" newspaper woman.

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The officers and men of the Reconditioning Division wearing their caps anywhere. Just a local custom —we hope.

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Mr. **Wiley Parker** absent from his post at the Filling Station. Ol' debil flu done got him, at least for a time.

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The Control Division getting an officer who smiles spontaneously—Captain **Eve Yost.** Definitely not a cigar smoker.

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Major **Lemuel R. Williams** doubling as Post Exchange Officer until "Bill" recovers.

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The new library in the East Hospital section rapidly approaching full duty status.

MORE ABOUT CONFERENCE CHIEF

Referring momentarily to the war, Stettinius promised, "This won't happen again, boys. That's why we're here."

Lieutenant A. L. Taro, aide-de-camp to the comamnding general, and Sgt. J. R. Ionnone attended the proceedings with the patients.

Besides Constandi and Baumert, veterans present were Sgt. William H. Acton of Michigan; Pfc. Joseph J. Borden, Ga.; Pfc. Warren G. Boyd, Va.; Sgt. Sandy Cephus, Ill.; Cpl. Kenneth Christensen, S. D.; Sgt. Herbert C. Cole, Wis.; Pfc. Howard Conway, Ga.; S/Sgt. Irven O. Couey, Ga.; Cpl. Robert B. DeWar, Tenn.

Pvt. George C. Gaither, Okla.; Sgt. C. E. Gonser, Mich.; Pvt. William F. Hayes, Pa.; Sgt. W. C. Kimbrell, N. C.; T/Sgt. Wendel B. Kinder, Mo.; S/Sgt. Virgil E. Kirkpatrick, Ohio; Pvt. Clyde McCall, N. C.; Pvt. John R. McDonald, Ala; Pfc. William C. Melton, Jr., Calif.; Pfc. Euwin H. Miller, Texas.

Major Einar M. Nelson, Idaho; Cpl. G. E. Packard, Jr., Ind.; Pvt. Joe Ponce, Fla.; Pfc. Verner A. Rasmussen, Mich.; Pvt. Homer Ruonavar, Mich.; Pfc. George Staub, N. Y.; Pfc. Levi Shankle, Calif.; Cpl. Truman Smith, W. Va., and Lt. Herman F. Tanau, Fla.



Everyone is happy over the promotion of Major **Ruth Wagner** which came through last week. The major is one of our real old timers and we do not like to think that being upped in rank is evidence of her early departure for another station. The party in the Nurses' Recreation Hall scheduled for Tuesday evening will be a testimonial to the popularity of our new major.

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Comes word that 1st Lieuts. **Ruth Veleskey, Geraldine Heglund,** and **Katherine Trask** have arrived in Manila with their new outfit where they quickly learned of the local curfew. Tch' tch' Ruth.

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Captain **Lillian Girarde,** of the Hospital Train Unit had a pleasant week end at Santa Cruz and then came back to find "hurry up" orders for other parts. And she is going where she cannot take "Henry" the faithful go-cart.

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First Lieut. **Bertha Dworksi Henderson,** one of our "Bataan Angels" is back in town to meet her husband, due to arrive any day now.

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Lieut. Colonel **Alma T. Skoog,** Supervisor of Nursing Service for the Ninth Service Command, is a patient on Ward "P," and down the corridor on the same ward is Major Jessie Braden, 4th Air Force Surgeon's Office. Captain Margaret Knierim, retired, is a frequent visitor to her former associates.

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First Lieut. **Beulah M. (Peggy) Greenwalt** back in town for a visit with relatives and over here to see some of her many friends.

New York (CNS)—Husky John Williams was kicking a lady in the street when a cop interfered. John stopped kicking the lady and kicked the cop, flattening him. Then John high-tailed down the street. Later, cornered in a basement, he stiffened 2 other cops and a member of the City Patrol Corps before a 3rd officer halted him with a slug in the arm. "I don't like to be pushed around," Husky John explained in court.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 6, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

WEDDING BELLS

In the presence of their immediate family and close friends, Pfc. Ralph A. Kane was married to Miss Zetta Marie Knight at the Letterman Chapel on last Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Miss Ruth Hansen was the bridesmaid and Mr. Muriel E. Kane, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. Chaplain Guy C. Tetrick officiated at the service.

TIMELY BOOKS

For better understanding of the problems and ultimate aims of the San Francisco world security conference Miss Adelia P. Mustain, Letterman hospital librarian, has suggested a variety of informative books.

Included are "Time for Decision" by Welles; "Russia and the Peace," Pares; "The Gentlemen Talk of Peace," Ziff; "Settlment in Asia," Lattimore; "Germany Will Try It Again," Schultz; "America in the New Pacific," Taylor and "Unfinished Business" by Bonsal.

INVITATION

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to the **Semi-Monthly** dances, which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, Corner Arguello Blvd., and Lake Street, San Francisco. The dances for the month of May are scheduled for Saturday, May 12th at 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 26th at 9:00 p.m. (Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Blvd.) Junior Hostesses will welcome you.

BUCK OF THE WEEK



ILENE PICKREM
Private

When we wanted to interview Pvt. H. Ileen Pickrem, a surgical technician in Ward F-2, and member of the Women's Army Corps, she insisted that there was nothing that could be written about her as she had led a very normal life—not at all exciting. However, we are not excitement seekers, and only wish to give the background of "Bucks" around the hospital whom we would like to know a little more about. The "H," incidentally, in Pvt. H. Ileen Pickrem's name, stands for Hazel, but she prefers Ileen.

Ileen was born in Belleville, Michigan. Her high school education was taken at the Lincoln Consolidated High School, which she says is just outside Ypsilanti, Michigan. After graduation she was one of six students chosen from the school to attend the Home Arts School in Detroit, Michigan, sponsored by Henry Ford. The Home Arts School was housed in the Nurses' Home at the Henry Ford Hospital, and run like a home. Ileen and her companions did their own cooking, cleaning, meal planning, attended sewing classes and experimented with dress designing. The course lasted nine months, and Ileen states that it was invaluable.

Pvt. Pickrem attended Michigan State Normal in Ypsilanti for one year, and then did secretarial work in the Flight Inspection Office at the Willow Run Bomber Plant for the next two-and-a-ahalf-years.

September 26, 1944 found Pvt. Pickrem enlisting in the Women's Army Corps. Her basic training was taken at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She went on to El Paso, Texas to medical school for two months, to New Orleans one month for on the job training, and then was assigned to Letterman General Hospital.

Ileen hopes to complete her college education after the war. She takes an active interest in golf, horseback riding and other sports. She may not have led an "exciting" life, but we think that she has an interesting background . . . Normal and happy.

BE YOUR OWN BOSS—BUT BEWARE OF BUYING BRITTLE BUSINESS BOOMS

Dazzling prospects for starting his own small post-war business are being paraded before G. I. Joe these days, but ice-cold statistics show how 90% of all new business ventures fail, reports an article in the May issue of CORONET magazine. Fledgling bosses may be tripped up by the wily ways of partnerships, loan sharks and shoe string rainbows, if they aren't cautions.

The average big wholesaler or manufacturer knows the retail end of his industry inside out, and he's usually delighted to help a newcomer get started. After all—it means another outlet for his goods. Recently a young Mr. Coleman, formerly Pfc., hankered for a grocery store. He went straight to the general manager of the biggest wholesale grocery firm in his district and calmly announced that he had 1,500 dollars to invest in a business, and he'd like to know how to go about it. The 25,000-dollar-a-year executive cheerfully taught the youngster every angle of the business, suggested a location and helped him buy his initial stock. Guided by this expert advice, the boy was successful from the start and his attractive store was soon netting profits.

One fallacy and hazard of new business is the Shoestring Rainbow—getting something for nothing. If the investor has 1,000 dollars, it's far better to buy a 1,000 dollar business C.O.D. than a 50,000-dollar business on credit. Of course, it is sometimes safe to borrow capital, if it is borrowed from the Federal government, for Uncle Sam is no loan shark. But unscrupulous individuals, loan companies or banks, inflict mortgages, with a stiff rate of interest, high payments, and there's a good chance of losing the business.

It doesn't pay to start a business in a locality where most customers are employees of what may be a temporary industry. And there's no use in starting any new business unless there's a demand for it in the locality selected. To meet competition, it's important to offer a more convenient location, better or cheaper merchandise or service, or a more attractive store.

Not knowing where to buy is one of the chief causes of new retail business failures. If the local wholesaler doesn't offer a fair deal, it is possible to have merchandise shipped in from a distant house, or buy directly from the manufacturers. Each industry has its trade journals, and the public library has a directory listing the names, addresses and products of every American manufacturer.

The vital issue is whether it is better to buy an established, going business from someone or to start a completely new enterprise from scratch. An established business, if it has been successful for a period of time, will probably continue to make money under new management. A new business usually loses money during the building process. When this initial loss, plus the advertising costs to launch a new enterprise, are considered it may apply to give someone a fair sum for the "good will" of his business. G. I. Joe or anyone else who considers these major stumbling blocks carefully and guides himself accordingly, has an excellent chance to make his fortune in the bright post-war world. And it will, in all likelihood, be a very bright new world for new business ventures. For although the old frontiers are gone, there are new ones—and the best of them all lies in the tremendous buying power of 135,000,000 prosperous and service-loving Americans.

Yonkers, N. Y. (CNS)—A well dressed gentleman walked into police headquarters. "I fear I am intoxicated," said he. "May I tarry here the night?" Police locked him in a cell. The following morning he washed and dressed and applied for his release. "Nay, tarry longer," the cops replied, "You're booked as a drunk."

Hamburgers in Paris Club

PARIS, France (ALNS)—The club for enlisted personnel of the United States services opened by The American Legion in its building, Pershing Hall, in the French capital, is proving most popular for several reasons, according to letters received from both G. I.s and WACs in France. The big reason mentioned in every letter is that real American style hamburgers are served there. Another reason mentioned is that the club is open to the American forces only.

ON THE SPOT



EARL R. KNOWLES
T/5th Gr.

"We depend on the Infantry and the Doughboys depend on us," is the way Technician 5th Grade Earl R. Knowles, of 208 West Jean Street, Tampa, Florida, sums up the job of a medical aid man who accompanies the riflemen into the front lines as a non-combatant.

Wounded during an advance on Bloody Nose Ridge, scene of some of the fiercest fighting for the 81st Infantry Division on Peleliu Island, the Florida "medic" has been evacuated to the United States.

"I didn't last long on Peleliu," he said in an interview here, "We were in action for a week on Anguar, another island in the Palaus, but the company I was attached to was on an end of the battalion line that didn't run into so much there.

"But it was the second day after we went over to Peleliu that I got it."

"We were moving up the ridge, over a series of little knobs when I got word back in the middle of the platoon that one of the riflemen up front had been hit.

"I got up to him and was taking care of him when another man was wounded—one of the fellows in the squad that was protecting me. I finished first aid on the first man and had just got over to the second one, when I felt a bullet go through my left leg.

"Another 'medic' happened to be within a few feet of me, on his way up to another platoon. He came over and started to work on me, and then he stopped a bullet too."

Corporal Knowles said he had been carried to the casualty collecting company and given treatment within 20 minutes.

"Some of the splinters from that bullet are still in there, though," he declared with a grimace. "It was a wooden bullet, and they don't make a very pretty wound."

MEDICAL DETACH

Good luck to the following men who transferred from Letterman during the past week: T/Sgt. Roger W. Sommerville, T/Sgt. Norbert R. Tasler, S/Sgt. Paul E. McCormack, S/Sgt. Marvin E. Cress, S/Sgt. Robert F. Brothers, T/5th Gr. Joseph N. Ramey, Pvts. Joe L. Raineri, Walter J. Schmidt and James E. Scrape.

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The year round—furloughs are always the order of the day. Lucky GI's during the past week were: T/4th Gr. Gerald J. Hill, T/4th Gr. Louis W. Linetsky, Pvt. Samuel J. Mello, Oakla O. Varner, each with 25 days; Cpl. James R. Heslop, Pvts. Joseph Kraynk and Joseph R. Sterr, each with 23 days; T/5th Gr. Julius Cippa, with 17 days; Sgt. Elmer E. Steitz, with 10 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl. Benjamin Weitz being interviewed over the broadcasting system at Seal's Stadium one night last week and telling the people the Seals are getting like the Brooklyn Dodgers in that you can't tell what they are going to do next.

T/4th Gr. Edward Chilgren taking time out from his duties last week to have his tonsils removed, and now back on the job looking as fit as the proverbial fiddle.

Sgt. Percy Frazier and Cpl. Harold E. Christian, both back on duty again after spending 15 days of leisure (?) in their home state of Montana.

Cpl. John E. Perkins' new technique in getting extra service from the maids in the mess hall.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz displaying his new "uppers" and demonstrating how well he can eat steak.

Sgt. Eugene Ryback, "The Senator," sending all the way to Florida for a special foot powder, which he now claims is the best he had used and giving some to Sgt. Robert J. Harrington to take with him on his next furlough.

T/5th Gr. Raymond J. Jayne, the fair haired boy of the Finance section showing his fellow workers the fine points of wrestling his way to the head of the chow line.

THE FIGHTING IRISH MANAGE TO GET AROUND IN THIS WORLD WAR TOO



Captain GENEVIEVE McCARTNEY, A.N.C.
Nurse Procurement Officer for Northern California

In connection with the current campaign to recruit the Army Nurse Corps up to its authorized strength of 60,000, it has been of special interest to us here at Letterman to meet Capt. Genevieve McCartney who is the Nurse Procurement Officer for Northern California. In fact, Capt. McCartney is a native of Greensburg, Penn., and took her professional training at St. Vincent's Hospital in Pittsburgh. She subsequently had post graduate studies at Warren State Hospital in Pittsburgh and Washington University in St. Louis. The Captain enrolled in the Army Nurse Corps at Camp Lee, Va., in 1941, and after six months she was transferred to Darnell General Hospital. Four months later she joined the 21st Station Hospital at Fort Bragg, N. C., just in time to go overseas.

When the discussion gets around to people who have been places, Capt. McCartney and her experiences would certainly be topic to come under that heading. F'rinstance, the Captain made her first foreign landing at Suez, after forty-five days ocean voyage, and arrived there just after the place had been bombed by the forces of Field Marshal Rommel, former Desert Fox, who had his men in the immediate neighborhood. Shortly thereafter she took a ten day trip down to the Red Sea and landed at a port in North East Africa, where the hospital was to be established. On this particular trip her travels took her also to Palestine and Iran, where she remembers a temperature of 176 degrees. Her next move was to duty as Chief Nurse of the 30th Station Hospital at Teheran, and then with her outfit to the India Burma Border. With all this experience behind her, Capt. McCartney is an ideal nurses' procurement officer. She has had home service and she had seen foreign service in far-off places, which puts her in a position to answer any questions that prospective candidates might be tempted to ask.

The Captain received her 1st Lieutenancy in August, 1943 and her Captaincy in June, 1944. Her office is located in San Francisco, and we wish her success in attracting recruits to the Army Nurse Corps.

DANTE ANTICS

Hanging out the welcome sign around here is getting to be a habit—but a good habit—and we like it. Latest additions to our staff are 1st Lieut. Kathryn G. Schaller, ANC., from an extended tour of duty in the China-Burma-India theatre of operations, 2nd Lieut. Marion L. Lowe, also from C-B-I, and a prior tour in the Southwest Pacific, all totalling 34 months, and 2nd Lieut. Gladys T. Smith, more recently from New Caledonia.

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Congratulations to Pfc. Charles Scudmore, of our own Medical detachment, on the birth of a son. Might be a good idea to let the correspondent in on the cigar distributions for such events.

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Those of us not fortunate enough to get a personal sight of the conference in action may get some of the high lights "off the record" from three of our visiting nurses—1st Lieuts. Ann Burkey, R. G. Cunningham, and Theresa Powers, of the Army Nurse Corps—who are in detached service with the UNCIO. That is, if the girls are willing to talk.

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For several weeks now the detachment has played host to the men of 660th Hospital Ship Platoon on temporary duty from Camp Stoneman. The visiting medics, many of them overseas veterans, have earned the commendation of the Port Surgeon and the Letterman receiving staff for their excellent performance of duty in connection with the unloading of patients arriving from overseas.

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The Dante Bowlers have been running into hard luck in their latest matches. In spite of the fact that the team holds the high score, they were unable to win on Monday and went down for the second defeat in league play. Capt. Maul was the high man, with a score of 543 for the evening.

WAC

On duty in the wards Letterman's WACS may look strictly GI in regulation blue uniforms and striped seersuckers but on sunny afternoons they revert back to pre army days.

In play suits and sports togs they stretch out on the soft, comfortable grass and the somewhat less comfortable stones and eucalyptus cones behind the barracks.

Private Ellen Bing and Pvt. Violet M. Atkins overdid things a little and are paying the usual toll for getting more than their quota of California sunshine.

Members of barracks 212 are insisting that Pvt. Agnes Zouhar be given a commendation for her contribution to the general welfare. True, she made her contribution unintentionally but then cologne is cologne and Shakespeare's "rose by any other name" adage still holds, they feel.

Private Zouhar, one morning last week, set her favorite bottle of cologne on a small ledge in the latrine—too small a ledge, she later discovered.

Gravity took its course and the cement floor took the cologne. Throughout the day, as long as the scent lasted, girls in the barracks were so appreciative of the innovation that Pvt. Zouhar promised she would break a cologne bottle regularly—if they would provide it.

Also among the scent stories is one provided by Pvt. Virginia Hill, Pvt. Elaine Jensen and Pvt. Marilyn J. Kennedy who came home Monday night with a gardenia apiece. They couldn't wear the flowers, of course, but they enjoyed just carrying them and sniffing them at intervals, the girls said.

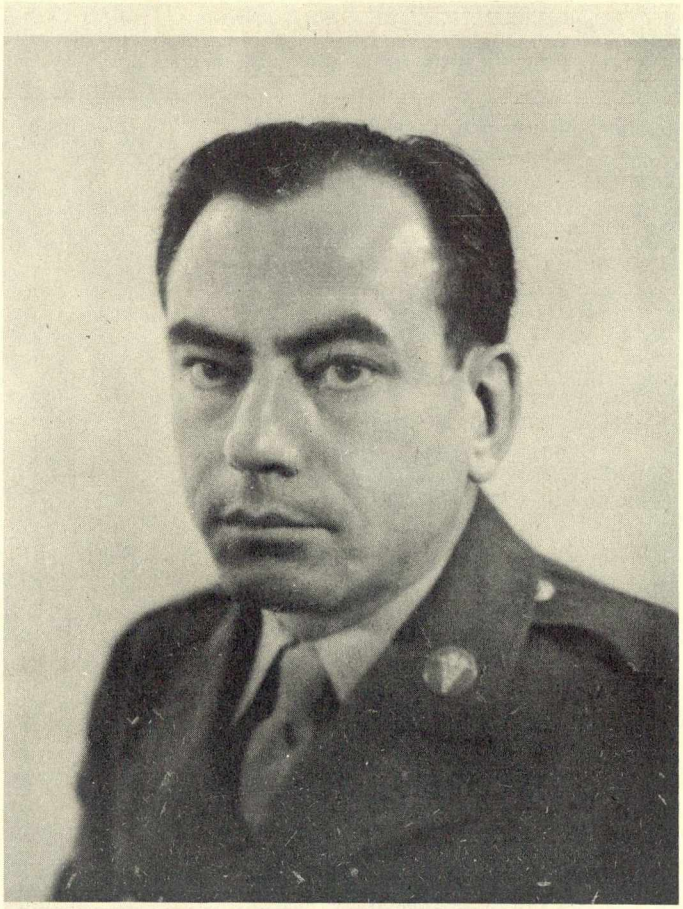
Close to the heart of the vibrant San Francisco conference is Pvt. Jeanne Jamieson, assigned Letterman surgical technician, who is working in a conference-sponsored dispensary. For the duration of the meeting Pvt. Jamieson is on temporary duty with the WACS at Fort Mason.

From recruiting in San Francisco to clerical work at Letterman is the step 11 members of the women's army corps have been taking the last few days. The WAC recruiters are being quartered in barracks 212 and 213. First of the clerical group is Frieda Koerner, T/4, who arrived here Tuesday bringing to 61 the number of assigned WACS.

Also on the newly arrived WAC list is PFC Bobbie Allison who was supply sergeant at Santa Barbara, Cal., and will assume corresponding duties in this detachment.

Pvt. Louise F. Coffman, the "goodnight" voice of the hospital hushaatone, was visited for four days by her husband.

OUR NEWEST MASTER SERGEANT ALL SET TO ESTABLISH NEW RECORD HERE



Master Sgt. HAROLD L. RAIFSNYDER

If he maintains his previous partiality for one locality, Master Sergeant Harold L. Raifsnyder, who joined us at Letterman in January, will be here for a long time.

The sergeant is a native of Rockwell, Iowa, and developed a yearning for the broad expanse of ocean while still in the state where the tall corn grows. He enlisted in the Navy and got as far as San Diego where he spent the next four years. Then in 1933 he went back home for a spell and later enlisted in the Army at Fort Des Moines and proceeded to New York where he served successively at Fort Hancock, Fort Jay, and Fort Totten for the next four years.

Tiring of life in and around the big city, Sgt. Raifsnyder selected Panama for his next tour of duty and he spent two years at Corozal in the Canal Zone. He found he liked the tropics, but not too close to the equator, so he moved over to Puerto Rico where he really settled dwn for the next six years. It was there that he married an Army girl and the couple had one child.

Sgt. Raifsnyder is acting as understudy for Master Sergeant Ernest E. Allen in the Sick and Wounded Office, no mean hand at staying around places for a long time, and the understudy may even learn a few tricks about becoming a permanent part of the installation.

After the balmy breezes of the tropical isle we wonder how Raifsnyder will like the long sunny days we have now and then in San Francisco. We had one last week and he failed to comment unfavorably so it could be that he is acclimated very readily.

The six gold chevrons on his left sleeve indicate he is entitled to stay awhile in the homeland and we extend a welcome to stay right here.

Concentration Camps Viewed by Neutral And Allied Editors

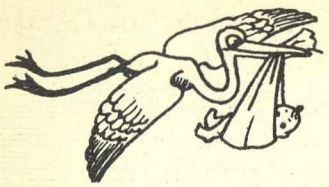
NEW YORK—When. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower visited liberated death camps in Germany recently, he was so moved by what he saw that he requested a committee of Allied and neutral journalists and statesmen to visit these concentration camps in person, to see the Nazi horror with their own eyes.

First hand reports written by soldier correspondents who have been with American troops as they went into these concentration and extermination camps have spoken to GIs who have experienced what it means to be prisoners of the Germans, are featured in the May 18th issue of YANK, The Army Weekly.

Here is a sample of the treatment given American prisoners as told to a YANK correspondent by one of our medics who was captured at Bastogne on December 10, 1944:

"They marched us from Bastogne to Coblenz in zero weather and with two and three feet of snow on the ground. I saw guys who dropped out along the road clubbed on their bare tails with the butts of rifles by their guards. At Gerolstein they made 60 of our boys clean out buildings which had just been bombed by our planes and which were still burning. While they were working, the guards kicked them, hit them over the heads with pitchforks and then turned the fire hose on them, spraying them with water that froze their clothes on them.

"They marched us seven days, then gave us two days' rest and started us off again. Finally, they put us in box cars for a five day ride to Stalag 2-A, about 85 miles north of Berlin. From December 19 until January 3, when we reached the Stalag, the total food given each of us 600 prisoners was two cups of ersatz coffee, a sixth of a loaf of broad and two cups of barley soup. That's all. It wasn't much for a two week trip, most of it on foot."



To Major and Mrs. Thomas F. Cleland, a daughter, Cynthia Ann; born 22 April: weight 5 pounds 5½ ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. John A. Myrick, a son, Michael John; born 23 April: weight 7 pounds 11½ ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Thomas H. Reilly, a son, Michael; born 23 April: weight 7 pounds 12½ ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. George S. Themellis, a daughter, Georgia Stella; born 23 April: weight 6 pounds 10½ ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul A. Schiller, a daughter, Dorothy Lillian; born 23 April: weight 7 pounds 13 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. John F. Hawley, a son, John William; born 23 April: weight 10 pounds 5 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Clarence H. Vonderschmitt, a daughter, Barbara Kay; born 24 April: weight 8 pounds 8 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Leo Newman, a son, David Lawrence; born 26 April: weight 6 pounds 15¼ ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Earl Ellingson, a son, Ricky Alan; born 26 April: weight 9 pounds.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Lawrence Gridley, a son, Warren Horton; born 28 April: weight 8 pounds 10 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Everett Hyde, a daughter, Barbara Caroline; born 28 April: weight 7 ponds 13 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Charles Scudmore, a son, Jack Eugene; born 28 April: weight 9 pounds 7½ ounces.

MORE ABOUT LOTS TO SEE HEREABOUT

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Covered ramps will connect all buildings and all have been ingeniously arranged to make it comparatively easy for the patients to move from one part to any other part of the annex in the process of reception, coding, receiving pay, mail, telephone and telegraphic service.

For the WAC two new barracks—west of the School for Bakers and Cooks on the Presidio reservation—have been completed, and two additional barracks are under construction south of the street car line.

The sidewalk superintendents have plenty to look at these days.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of May 7 to May 14

MONDAY—Make A Talking Record	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Open House—Girl Hostesses and Sing	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
The Dannsylvian	SSO	1830	YMCA
TUESDAY—Movie "Murder He Says" Fred McMurray	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Photographs Taken	RECON	1800	YMCA
WEDNESDAY—The ATC Band from Hamilton Field—Music Played the Way You Like it.	SSO	1400	Patio
Movie "Murder He Says" Fred McMurray	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—Ping Pong Tournament	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Affairs of Susan" Joan Fontaine	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso	SSO	1800	YMCA
FRIDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Ward S-1
Hit Parade Party with Girl Hostesses, Music and Refreshments	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Movie "Escape In The Desert" Halmunt Dantine, Phillip Doran	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY—Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso	SSO	1300	YMCA
Pacifica Chorus, Girls Music Group with Social Hour following	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Lobby Musical	SSO	1830	YMCA



"Gee! . . . That's good to know! . . . If you graduate from West Point you DON'T HAVE TO go through OCS!"

Script Tease

Army personnel stationed at installations throughout the west today were urged to participate in the Army Service Forces' latest off-duty recreational competition—a nationwide Soldier Show Script contest.

Prizes totaling $225 in war bonds, including a $100 first place award, will be made to the top five entries by the War Writers' Board, a civilian organization interested in furthering the production of original "Gee-Eye" shows by and for the Armed Forces.

The contest, which will be judged on a national basis only, is part of the Army Service Forces far-reaching program to further stimulate soldier morale through off-duty recreational competition.

The top manuscript will be published as a "Blueprint Special," one of a series of soldier show publications of the Army's entertainment section. Only musical show scripts will be considered.

Entries must be original, owned exclusively by the author and limited to a maximum playing time of 90 minutes, including all musical scores with piano and vocal parts and lyrics.

Manuscripts must be forwarded to the Ninth Service Command special services division at Fort Douglas, Utah, prior to August 31.

Complete contest rules have been published in NSC headquarters circular (SPRBG) No. 67, dated April 4. They also have been dispatched to special services officers at all Army installations.

IMPROVED TROPICAL COMBAT BOOT

An improved tropical combat boot has been developed to replace the present rubber soled jungle boot, it was learned today at Ninth Service Command headquarters.

The new boot is equipped with a heavy synthetic rubber sole, deeply cleated, a five inch cuff, high enough to fold in the trouser leg, and is fastened with two straps and buckles. The upper part of the boot is composed of a chrome retain leather vamp, with the flesh side out. Quarters, cuff and tongue are of olive drab nylon.

The Army bazooka has been used to smash concrete fortifications, blast pockets of resistance in occupied houses, destroy enemy squads under cover, and for many other purposes, Ninth Service Command Ordnance officers said today.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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V-E Day Marked With Ceremonies In Hospital Patio

Increased work for Letterman hospital personnel as greater numbers of Pacific casualties begin arriving was forseen Tuesday afternoon by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, speaking at the hospital's V-E day ceremony in the patio.

Thronging the patio and standing on steps and on the cement ridges bordering the walk, patients and post personnel, both civilian and military, strained to view proceedings.

Officers, organized into squads, watched the program from the walk. Patients in their red convalescent suits, mingled with post personnel in khaki and fatigues, were lined up before the speakers' platform and behind them stood civilian hospital workers. The loud speaker system brought the speakers' words to all even when they could not be seen.

"With six million men engaged in war with Japan, knowing the type of man the Japanese soldier is, we know we shall have many casualties," General Hillman told the group.

"We're going to receive casualties in large numbers here at Letterman. We're going to receive them in groups several times larger than we have in the past," he said. He expressed confidence that post personnel would satisfactorily discharge their increased duties.

Colonel James Duckworth, former commanding officer of a Bataan hospital and for three years a prisoner of the Japanese, asked that we "assist and assist very materially" in aid to liberated and impoverished countries.



V-E DAY CEREMONIES AT LETTERMAN
More than 3000 people assembled in the Letterman patio to participate in the ceremonies to mark the end of the war in Europe.

He urged those no longer able to fight to contribute to postwar economic security by accepting regulations and price controls designed to prevent inflation.

Referring to the war against Japan, Colonel Duckworth said, "We have much of this in front of us—how much I don't know."

Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, assistant executive officer, was in charge of the program. Invocation at the beginning of the program was offered by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, post chaplain, and benediction at the conclusion by Captain Vertio C. Dameron, assistant post chaplain. Colonel Brown S. McClintic, executive officer, read the official announcement of Germany's surrender.

Musically, the victory ceremony opened with the 253d army band's playing of "God Bless America" and closed with the National Anthem.

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Mother's Day Not To Be Overlooked By LGH Personnel

Whether he is a veteran, just back in the States after 30 months overseas, or a soldier assigned here and stationed on the post, May 13 means just one thing—Mother's Day.

Weary clerks in post exchanges who have been wrapping boxes of candy and ringing up sales of decorative Mother's Day cards for the last two weeks will vouch for that.

"You should have seen this place yesterday," one clerk said. "Boxes of candy stacked up like this," she raised a hand two feet above the counter top and hurriedly dropped it again. "And this is all I've got left." She nodded at a few boxes lying on the counter.

Candy was going so fast at the Presidio PX that more had to be ordered. Especially popular were boxes decorated with satin-gowned dolls. The dolls did a quick change into sewing kits on the inside of the boxes.

What one clerk described as "gooey" cards were first choice but she added that few cards could be found that were not sentimental. At one post exchange a patient bought four immense cards with painted orchids and satin bulges. All four were inscribed with verses to "mother."

Many patients just off the boat were surprised, upon entering the PX, to learn that Mother's Day was just around the corner.

A typical conversation the morning after arrival of a ship went like this. "When is Mother's Day?"

"Oh, not for a long time yet."

"Sure it is." They wouldn't be having this stuff out otherwise."

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WAC ON THIRD BIRTHDAY IS A FULL GROWN ORGANIZATION

The Women's Army Corps, since its inception as an auxiliary nearly three years ago, May 14, 1942, has undergone one major change and many gradual and important developments. Each change has helped to fit women more effectively into the framework of the Army.

The major change came with the passage of the law in July, 1943, which abolished the auxiliary corps and brought all those women and officers who desired to enlist—and who could meet the new qualifications—into the army itself with full military status.

The training and utilization of women in the army has become progressively more simple and effective since that change. A more natural relationship has been established between the Army as a whole and its newest type of soldier.

The WAC no longer meets those extremes of misunderstanding which it did while attempting to function as a group of women set apart in an auxiliary corps. It was never their wish—or the wish of the war department—that they should be set apart, any more than the women in America are set apart in the home or in the office.

The plan from the beginning, and the particular hope of the women in the corps, was that the skills and abilities of women could be integrated naturally within the already existing framework of the army.

That hope has been realized abundantly. Today the WAC is no longer a corps of women. It is nearly 100,000 officers and enlisted women serving everywhere throughout the army.

Women are serving in the signal corps, in the army medical department, in ordnance, in civil affairs, in military intelligence, in transportation. They are serving with the quartermaster corps, the inspector general's and judge advocate general's departments, the engineers', the provost marshal general's office and in chemical warfare service. They are performing almost every type of task except combat.

Though an overseas assignment is the wish of the great majority of the women soldiers, the selection is made on a wholly impersonal basis. It is not a reward but merely evidence that the army needs some particular skill which some particular soldier has and that the need is more urgent overseas than at her post in this country. Before any WAC personnel is sent overseas, there must be requisitions from the theater commander.



OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS
On duty at Letterman these days. Left to right—front row—1st Lieut. Irene M. DeFonteny, assistant Receiving and Evacuation Officer, 1st Lieut. Frances V. Peterson, assistant Adjutant, 2nd Lieut. Cecelia J. Knaggs, assistant Post Exchange Officer, Captain Willie B. Barry, Laundry Officer. Middle row—Captain Eva Yost, assistant Control Officer, 1st Lieut. Ernestine L. Stevenson, Detachment Commander, Captain Elizabeth Holman, Public Relations Officer. Back row—2nd Lieut. Gwinnet H. Jones, assistant Receiving and Evacuation Officer, Captain Margaret Petritz, assistant Laboratory Officer.

More than 15,000 women soldiers have gone overseas after special overseas training to prepare them for living conditions which may be less stabilized than at an army post in this country.

At training centers and at army posts in this country enlisted women live in standard barracks approximately the same in design as those used for men. In many cases already existing facilities have been used with only minor alterations.

Enlisted women are quartered together as WAC units with a WAC unit commander who looks after their housing, food, supplies and equipment and their general health and welfare.

When women first came into the army at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, veteran army cooks, sensing that "women were different" attempted to improvise menus made up almost exclusively of salads. This was not the official idea, however. The official idea was to give women the same food as the men until such time as it could be proved through accurate studies that there is a general and reliable difference in the food preferences and nutrition requirements of men and women soldiers.

The quartermaster corps' food service branch has just completed these studies and has found a $2,700,000-a-year difference in the quantities (not the types of food) required by men and women. Except for a slightly keener yearning for fruits and fresh vegetables, Wacs like about the same food as their soldier brothers.

They don't need or like as much of it. Women soldiers can do with 3,100 calories per day, which is 650 more than the minimum recommended by the National Research Council for the moderately active woman.

The Wac wants potatoes, all right, but can do without them for breakfast. On 53 other standard menu items she can do with less food than is provided under the war department master menu.

WAC personnel generally, but not always, operate their own mess halls. If it is more economical or more convenient to combine the enlisted men's and enlisted women's mess hall, this is the arrangement followed. In such cases the WAC units furnish a share of the mess overhead personnel proportionate to the number of women eating at the mess.

Enlisted women, however, cannot perform permanent kitchen police duty nor can they be used in restaurants, cafeterias, service clubs, guest houses, officers' clubs or messes, except in administrative positions.

Where Wacs do operate their own messes, they have acquired a culinary pride that brings many GI compliments. Perhaps the highest compliment was paid to a Wac mess sergeant in North Africa. She cooked Spam so that even the men praised it. Her trick was to take it out of the can whole, puncture it with cloves, top it with pineapple and bake it like ham. A lot of GI's will say the best place to eat is the WAC mess.

Living quarters overseas may be far less fixed and far less of a pattern than the barracks on army posts in this country.

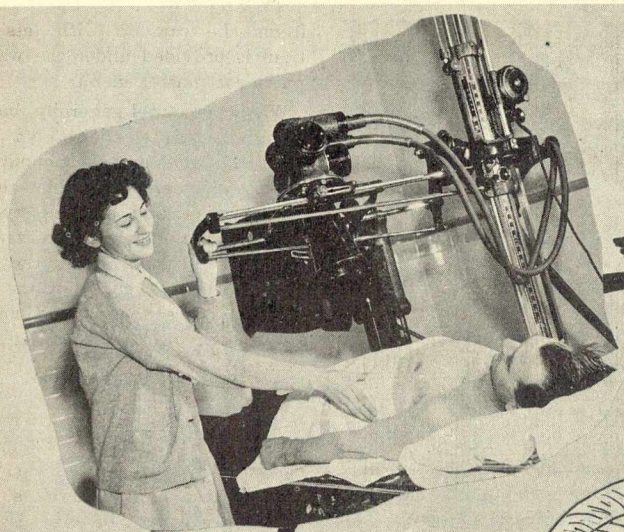
In England women soldiers are quartered in buildings which range from pyramidal and Nissen huts to fine old castle homes. In Italy some live and work in tents, some live in ancient palaces and some in beautiful Italian convents. In Paris, at one time, they occupied luxurious hotels. On Leyte they lived in what once was a schoolhouse.

Because there is usually a very small group living in each room or each hut or each tent overseas, there is not the insistence on rigid uniformity which there is in the larger barracks in this country. They may fill their rooms with flowers and bits of pottery and old silver—provided only that their roommates are willing and that their clothes and equipment and quarters are clean and orderly.

The WAC is included in the great variety of recreational activities planned for soldiers on an army post. She is not considered as one of a separate group. Dates and dances

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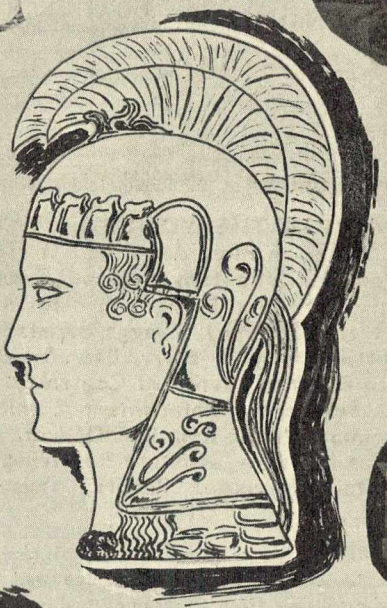
ENLISTED MEMBERS OF WAC TAKE OVER IMPORTANT DUTIES HERE

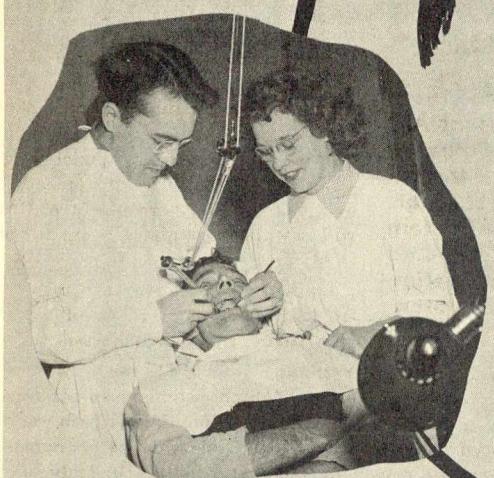


X-RAY LABORATORY
Pvt. Evaline L. Blanco prepares patient for treatment



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER
Is Pvt. Agnes Zouhar one of the WAC pioneers here





DENTAL TECHNICIAN
Pvt. Virginia Hill assists dental officer at work



PUBLIC RELATIONS
Pvt. Jeanne C. Riha is an active member of the PRO staff



CLINICAL LABORATORY
Pvt. Malta Benge is handy with test tubes



NURSES' AIDE
Pvt. Violet Atkins takes a pulse

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EDITORIAL

MOTHER'S DAY

In the celebration of Mother's Day this year there will be a note that has been lacking since the start of World War II. The mothers of our fighting men will get a special joy out of the feeling that it will not be long before some of their sons will be home again, and who will blame Mother for holding the thought that her son is to be among the returning heroes.

Our Commander in Chief has designated this Mother's Day as a day of prayer in gratitude for the victory that has crowned our arms in the European conflict, and while mothers are receiving the homage due them on their day they too will be happy to join the nation in prayer. And a mother's prayer makes a powerful plea.

In keeping with the custom long ago established in the service, every man and woman is asked to write a letter to mother on Mother's Day. It will assure her of an abiding place in the thoughts of her sons and daughters and mothers are grateful for a mere remembrance.

This year let all join our mothers in the prayer that when this comes again it will dawn on a world at peace.

St. Anthony, Ida. (CNS)—Three hunters took a bead on a flock of geese. All fired at once. One goose dropped—the one at which all had aimed.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Second Lieut. **Gwin Jones** taking plenty of time to work on the "layout" for page 3 of this issue despite the distraction of her impending marriage.

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Captain **Elizabeth Holman** reporting for duty as Public Relations Officer—and welcome.

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Major **Donald E. Bailey** back from that long leave of absence to find his medical supply property still all there.

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Plenty of fun at the V-E party held on Tuesday evening in the mess halls. A repeat will be in order at any time.

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Our good friends at the Army "Y" providing extra special entertainment for the V-E celebration.

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Dorothy Mix and **Dorothy Lamour** getting together like real chums back stage on Thursday afternoon.

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Colonel **Paul H. Streit** back from his long tour at Oahu and hoping to settle down as a neighbor of ours one of these days.

MORE ABOUT MOTHER'S DAY

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Some patients, not eager to plough through the throngs around the candy counter preferred to telegraph flowers. Sending "posies" would simplify the problem, one patient thought.

Telegraphing of congratulatory messages is also permitted now, the War Department having lifted the ban May 4, according to operators in Letterman's telegraph office.

Only messages sent to or by members of the armed forces are allowed by the new order, however.

But whatever is sent—cards or candy or flowers or telegrams—the mothers of soldiers will be well taken care of tomorrow, post exchange clerks agree, rubbing a weary collective hand over their brows.



Captain **Irene Frey** is receiving congratulations on her recent advancement to that rank and her assignment as supervisor of nurses in the East Hospital.

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According to a late mail, 1st Lt. **Gertrude A. Hummling** is on her way back to India. Could be that she will meet up once more with the Indian Prince who told her he was a one time bell-hop in her native Seattle.

First Lt. **Ruth M. Valleskey** sends in a letter from Manila and notes that we have been kicking the spelling of her name around this column. This time it is spelled the way she wishes.

First Lt. **Ann B. Bakalar** has taken up station in Germany, but not permanently, she says.

First Lt. **Eileen Holzen** is homeward bound from the ETO, because friend hubby got back here first and promptly requested her return.

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Recent arrivals—welcome are 2nd Lt. **Margie F. Wada,** from San Francisco; 2nd Lt. **Irene M. Couse** from Walla Walla, Washington; from Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington, 2nd Lts. **Mayde L. Curtis, Lorna E. Darden, Romilda A. Forbes, Kathleen W. McKay, Helen L. Stroup, Ruth E. Wise, Charlotte C. Dennett, Evelyn R. Esola, Pauline M. Guerrettaz, Rose K. O'Brezar, Carmen E. Stuart, Flora G. Facchini, Miriam Krauch, Josephine Palermo, Joyce C. Wiley,** and from Vancouver, Washington, **2nd Lt. Margene Brown.**

The V-E celebration at the Nurses' Recreation hall on Tuesday evening set a new mark for achievement along dramatic lines. We had no idea there was so much talent concealed beneath the seersucker stripes.

A play in nine scenes was produced by our girls. What a play and what girls!! The title? "The Perils of Fanny or She Made De Wolfe Cry." Sets and costumes were the work of Captain Margaret Giles, and sharing the credit with her for a splendid evening of entertainment were Lieuts. Nina Brandt and Ola V. Baxter.

A special guest of honor for the occasion was Major Ruth Wagner and there was an extra toast on her recent promotion.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 13, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the command is extended to Staff Sergeant James R. Lewis on the death of his wife which occurred on Thursday of this week. Chaplain V. C. Dameron officiated at funeral services held at the mortuary of Halsted & Company and interment followed in Golden Gate National Cemetery.

WEDDING BELLS

The exigencies of the military service brought about a change in the wedding plans of our Second Lieutenant Gwinnett H. Jones when her fiancee received sudden orders to move to a new station. The ceremony was advanced to Thursday evening when she became Mrs. John D. Mitchell in the presence of Lieut. Irene M. deFonteny and Master Sergeant Grafton Protzman. Oh, yes, the groom—he is Master Sergeant John D. Mitchell of the Hospital Train Unit.

Congratulations to the newly weds from 1972 and 1960.

Legion Turns Offices Over to United Nations

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (ALNS)—The Department of California, The American Legion, and its subsidiaries which includes the publication, *The California Legionnaire,* moved out of their quarters here to provide space for use by the United Nations Conference of International Organization which scheduled its opening session for April 25. When the conference is over, the Legion will move back into its former offices.

WAC OF THE WEEK



Corporal JEAN WELCH

We have with us this week a WAC so new to Letterman that she has not yet been assigned to any special duties. She is a stenographer and, since Monday last when she arrived, has been working steadily cutting stencils and doing mimeograph work in the Receiving and Evacuation Office. Her name is Cpl. Jean Welch, former WAC recruiter, and as nice a girl as you could hope to find.

Jean is a native Californian, born in Santa Rosa. She attended Santa Rosa High and graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College. Between her first and second year of studies at J.C. she worked in a music store, where her ability to play the piano did much to increase the sales of sheet music. Cpl. Welch has always been interested in music, enjoys playing the piano and has studied for 10 years.

Following graduation, Jean worked as accompanist for the singing and dancing classes at Junior College for a year, and joined the Women's Army Corps February 25, 1944. Her six weeks' basic training were taken at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and her assignment was to 19 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, as a recruiter. Jean enjoyed her job. She liked interviewing the girls who were interested in joining the WAC's, and giving them the necessary information and tests. The Grant Avenue recruiting office had a staff of 22 girls at that time, and when it closed on April 30th of this year, and recruiting handled entirely by a smaller staff on Market Street, Jean was assigned to Letterman General Hospital.

Jean's post-war plans include marriage and a home. Her fiance is overseas as an aviation electrician in the Navy, and he and Jean have very special plans for their future together.

Sir Richard Wood, Veteran RAF Flier, Visits Letterman

He wasn't a visiting dignitary unfamiliar with pain and ill at ease in the presence of men undergoing it. He knew what pain was and what hospitals were and what crutches and canes were for he used the latter himself.

Sir Richard Wood, son of British Ambassador Lord Halifax and former RAF flier whose artificial limbs replace the legs he lost in air battles over Lybia, visited Letterman General Hospital Monday afternoon.

In the cast room, on white tile floor, he stood in gray pin-striped suit intently watching a sample-application of a plaster of paris cast to a lower arm. His questions were frequent and spontaneous.

"How long does it take to dry?"

"About 10 minutes," he was answered.

He questioned demonstrators on how the cast was split and when it could be removed.

Turning aside from the demonstration to answer queries of the Fog Horn reporter, the red-haired English nobleman remarked smilingly, with a glance out the window, that the publication's name was appropriate.

Asked about the spirit of wounded American servicemen whom he has been visiting for nine months, Sir Wood said, "People who hear that I've been going around visiting hospitals always ask me, 'How do you cheer them up?' I tell them—I'm not cheering them up; they're cheering me up."

Conceding that his attitude might not be typical of all Englishmen, the former RAF flier said that the end of the European war still gave small cause for celebration with the Asiatic battle yet to be won.

"We still have a tremendous job to do to defeat Japan," he said with conviction. "The world is in a terrible mess. Europe is about like your country was after your Civil War. Now we are finished with wrecking; now we can start to do something constructive."

Following visits to hospitals in the northwest, Sir Wood will return to England for the summer. He expects to go through hospitals there to "compare notes" on the attitudes and opinions of British veterans with those of Americans. He hopes to return to the United States in the fall.

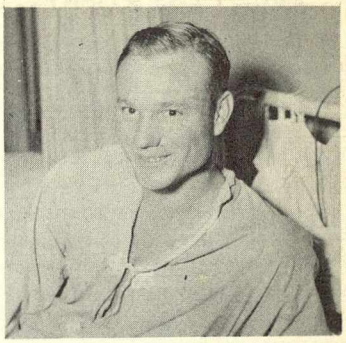
Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman directed the hospital tour and was accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel John D. Lamon, Jr., surgical chief, and by Lieutenant Leslie Heitel, air force liason officer.

A Real Superman And The Air Force Is Proud of Him

By direction of the President, a Medal of Honor was awarded by the War Department in the name of Congress to the following-named officer:

Major William A. Shomo, O-439677, Air Corps, Army of the United States. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty over Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 11 January 1945. Major Shomo was lead pilot of a flight of two fighter planes charged with an armed photographic and strafing mission against the Aparri and Laoag airdromes. While en route to the objective he observed an enemy twin-engined bomber, protected by 12 fighters, flying about 2,500 feet above him and in the opposite direction. Although the odds were 13 to 2, Major Shomo immediately ordered an attack. Accompanied by his wingman, he closed on the enemy formation in a climbing turn and scored hits on the leading plane of the third element, which exploded in midair. Major Shomo then attacked the second element from the left side of the formation and shot another fighter down in flames. When the enemy formed for counterattack, Major Shomo moved to the other side of the formation and hit a third fighter which exploded and fell. Diving below the bomber, he put a burst into its under side and it crashed and burned. Pulling up from this pass, he encountered a fifth airplane firing head on and destroyed it. He next dived upon the first element and shot down the lead airplane; then diving to 300 feet in pursuit of another fighter, he caught it with his initial burst and it crashed in flames. During this action his wingman had shot down three airplanes, while the three remaining enemy fighters had fled into a cloudbank and escaped. Major Shomo's extraordinary gallantry and intrepidity in attacking such a far superior force and destroying seven enemy aircraft in one action is unparalleled in the Southwest Pacific Area.

ON THE SPOT



Pfc. ALVIN H. RYLAND

The Jap who tried to bayonet Private First Class Alvin H. Ryland of Elk City, Oklahoma, in his foxhole during a "Banzai" charge, probably thought he had a cinch. That would be natural, since he didn't know how quickly the 24-year-old doughboy veteran of 25 months' service overseas in the 24th Infantry Division would react to his attack.

"Before the attack started," Private Rylant related in an interview, "the Japs plastered us with mortar fire. Then they threw in fire from their small 'knee mortars,' and charged right with the bursting of those shells.

"I came through the first battering all right, but a shell from a knee mortar exploded right in my foxhole at my feet, the force of the burst flipping me over onto my back. The next thing I knew, I heard a Jap screaming almost in my ear, and I twisted my head up and to the side in time to see him plunge his bayonet right at my chest. He was coming for my back.

"As the bayonet descended, I was able to catch it in my hands and thrust it away, and the force of the Jap's lunge carried my hands right up the blade to the handle. My thumb released the catch holding the bayonet on, and when the Jap yanked backward to pull me out of my hole, he left the bayonet with me.

"I was still helpless, unable to move because one foot was shattered and the other leg had been cut quite badly by shell fragments, but a buddy in the foxhole next to mine shot the Jap before he could shoot me. That was as close as I ever came to a Jap—and a good deal closer than I would ever care to come again.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: Cpl. Lowell G. Buettner, Technicians Fifth Grade Thomas G. Hackett, Ben L. Shaw and Wilver Wessel, appointed sergeants; Pvts. Ernest E. Patterson, James D. Parry, Robert R. Rockholm, Lee Wilder and Donald Vanderbaan, appointed corporals.

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A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week: Pvts. Frederick D. Evans, Lincoln H. McClintic, Theodore H. Klien and William R. O'Connell.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Gr. Harry Brix trying to get used to having no rank any longer, after being a duty "Line" corporal for two years.

Pvt. John N. Schutz, a Letterman photographer, running around the roof tops during the V-E Day ceremony without falling off.

Pvt. Robert J. Anderson back on duty after being a patient at the Annex and now minus 10 pounds.

S/Sgt. Donald F. Allison displaying to members of the cast room his latest invention—a device that helps a patient exercise his legs without getting out of bed.

T/5th Gr. Albert J. Giovannetti now working as an assistant to Sgt. Bement in Special Service.

S/Sgt. Merle C. West looking for the Wildcats that are supposed to be in Wildcat Canyon where he is now on the detached service.

Cpl. George Albertson back on duty after spending three days in Los Angeles.

37 Take "P" Off Backs at Class Graduation

FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, Ind. (ALNS) — Thirty-seven men were in the first class to be graduated from the Army disciplinary barracks here, on April 11. They had successfully completed three months of rugged infantry training. Graduation means they are restored to active duty in the ranks. When the class received its certificates, the Army band played "You're in the Army Now."

MARY LOUISE HILLMAN TRANSFERS TO THE INFANTRY VIA THE MIDDLE AISLE



CUTTING THE WEDDING CAKE

Capt. Shallenberger takes the first cut at the wedding cake during reception following the marriage ceremonies.

In the Presidio chapel, brightened with sprays of calla lilies, Mary Louise Hillman and Capt. Garvin Fletcher Shallenberger, A.U.S., were married Saturday night last in a simple ceremony at which Chaplain Guy C. Tetirick officiated.

Down an aisle fringed with lily clusters passed the bridal party led by the ushers, Lt. Richard Coarkson, Lt. Joseph E. Casey, Lt. Francis D. Ruth and Capt. William G. Morrison, all of Ft. Scott, who were followed by Mrs. Lloyd H. Gomez, sister of the bride and matron of honor.

The bride was escorted by her father, Brig. General Charles C. Hillman, to the chancel steps where she was joined by the bridegroom and his brother and best man, William F. Shallenberger of Thompson Falls, Mont.

The bride wore a white satin gown with sweetheart neckline embroidered with seed pearls. Her bouquet of gardenias and bouvardia was centered with a white orchid. A fingertip veil floated over her shoulders.

Shell-pink satin was selected by the matron of honor who wore, with her gown, full-length fuchsia gloves and carried a bouquet of matching carnations. In her hair were pink plumes.

Soft organ music provided a musical background for the ceremony, which was attended by about 240 friends and relatives. The dark green of Army officers' blouses was a recurrent note in the color scheme of the assemblage.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. G. D. Shallenberger of Missoula, mother of the bridegroom, and Mrs. William F. Shallenberger, the bridegroom's sister-in-law.

A reception at the Officers' Club followed the ceremony. Assisting the bride in cutting the wedding cake were Mrs. Clement MacMillan and Mrs. George Ekwurzel, both of San Francisco.

After a short honeymoon at Yosemite National Park, Capt. and Mrs. Shallenberger will return to San Francisco where they will make their home as long as his military duties permit.

Texas Judge Won't O.K. Sight-Unseen Divorces

DALLAS, Texas (ALNS)—Men in service who are having long-distance married life arguments with the wife, aren't so likely to come home and make the surprising discovery that she has divorced him—because of a finding made by Judge W. L. Black of District Court. The judge has ruled that the printing of a notice of a divorce suit in the paper at home is not sufficient notice to permit a legal divorce to be granted. The judge rules that the man in service must be notified through his APO or FPO, and that this must be done so that waivers may be obtained—if the G. I. wants to say the divorce is OK by him.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Rally 'round, Civilians! The Letterman limelight this week focuses on several home front casualties.

Helen Beckman is recuperating from a major operation in one of our local hospitals. We miss you dreadfully, Helen, the third floor in general, and in particular, your coworkers in the Officer Personnel Section. So get well soon and hurry back!

Al Stone, from the Training Section, reported for duty last week with a really good case of poison oak. Several days later he arrived with a couple of cracked ribs. After much interrogation, he admitted that the former scourge was the result of an overnight hike with his Boy Scout troop. As to the latter, he would offer no comment. With a high degree of patriotism, Al remained on the job and is mending rapidly.

From the Nurses' Quarters, Lillie Meader has also undergone an operation and is now on the road to recovery. Best wishes, Lillie.

The personnel of the Officer Pay Section has been kidding Helen Chambers about her ice skating ability. It seems that while gliding around she fell and broke her left arm. We believe you, Lillie, when you say that you were pushed.

We might add that since none of the above accidents occurred in line of duty, the victims are not eligible for the Purple Heart.

On the brighter side of things, may we report that Evelyn Schlesinger of Medical Supply is on leave with her husband who has returned from overseas.

The Seventh War Loan Drive has started with a loud bang here at Letterman. Ray V. Shine and Mary Bensen, co-chairmen of the drive, have chosen the minute-men who are already making the rounds of the Branches. So let's all get hep and buy bonds! Posters on the bulletin boards will announce the progress of the different groups and we all want to go way over the top. We still have another V-Day to celebrate, and as General MacArthur so aptly expressed it last Tuesday, "Now WE can begin!"

Panama City, Fla (CNS)—High School boys here have organized a club to protest the dungaree-wearing fad now popular with their feminine classmates. Members of the club wear skirts.

WAC

Wacs are planning a party in the near future but it will be minus floral decorations and candlelight.

As soon as workmen finish construction of the new orderly and supply rooms and can clear their materials from the day room, members of both barracks will move in, for a painting party.

Everyone is getting her best clothes together for the occasion—her best fatgue clothes.

Summer tropical worsted uniforms are now on requisition and Letterman Wacs will soon be wearing them, says Pfc. Eudora Lombardi, acting first sergeant, hopefully.

To clear up any misconceptions that strangers might have received looking at the standard sign outside the Wac barracks, new black and white signs labeled "Wac Barracks, Restricted" have been nailed up on the buildings.

The measure was thought necessary to counteract implications of the original sign near the door "Capacity 63 men."

Pvt. Mary C. Joyce got gigged Tuesday for an "unauthorized object on bed." But Pvt. Joyce was not too distraught over the incident because she knew the first sergeant was only "foolin." For Pvt. Joyce, who had the day off and was sleeping on her bunk at inspection time, was the unauthorized object.

Pfc. Lombardi explained with a satisfied chuckle that the gig was in retaliation for a trick played on her. She came in one night to find the large blue and white sign, "Wac Area, Restricted," which is now set up beside Barracks 212, resting on her bed. Pvt. Joyce, of course, had put it there.

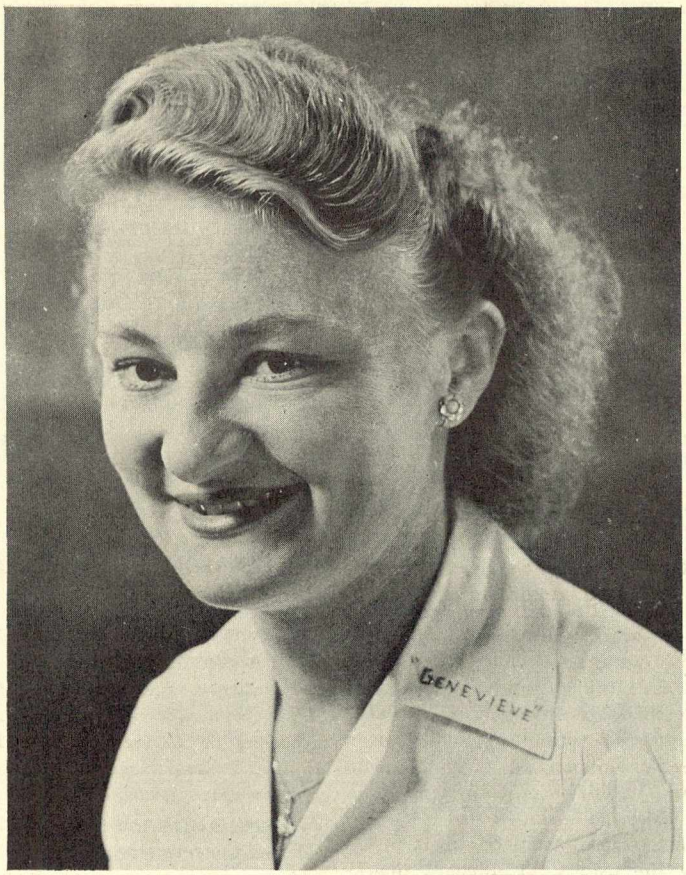
One Wac is wondering whether that second helping of French-fries at the field mess was worth the effort.

She wouldn't even have asked for more, she says defensively, except that she was so hungry and they looked so good.

But perhaps even French-fries weren't worth the caustic remark of the amused male who filled her tray: "O.K. . . . it's your figure."

Stamford, Conn (CNS)—James Manetas celebrated his 100th birthday by eating his usual breakfast: a pound of frankfurters. His formula for lengevity is 4 hearty meals a day "and just keep laughing."

GENIAL GENEVIEVE IS GENEROUS BUT KEEPS GOURMANDS FROM GORGING



Mrs. GENEVIEVE PAGAN
Smiling supervisor in Officers' Dining Room.

One of the best liked personalities at Letterman is a cheerful young matron with blonde hair and hazel eyes "who can dish it out." By that we mean that her main interest in life at the moment is seeing that hungry officers are fed, and if the saying is true that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, we are sure that this young lady has captured many hearts during her four year stay here at Letterman as head waitress in the Officers' Dining Room.

Mrs. Genevieve Pagan performs her duties in a calm orderly fashion. She efficiently supervises the work of 12 waitresses in the dining room, seeing that the officers are served promptly by the waitress assigned to special tables. She seems unhurried, but that is the result of little wasted motion. About four months ago she and the waitresses decided that if each girl would stitch her first name on the lapel of her uniform it would prevent confusion and aid the officers in attracting the waitresses' attention. She says that it is much better than the frantic waving of arms or calls of Miss: Each girl automatically becomes a personality to the patient officers.

In private life, Mrs. Pagan is the wife of Sgt. Joseph Pagan, now overseas with the Medical Corps at Okinawa. Sgt. Pagan was formerly stationed at Letterman General Hospital, and it was here that romance blossomed and culminated in marriage for our young couple. Sgt. Pagan left for overseas duty in November of 1944 after being sent to Fort Lewis in Washington.

Mrs. Pagan is a native daughter of San Francisco, graduating from Lux High School. She first came to Letterman planning to work for a year and then go to Honolulu with her father, but the war broke out about that time and Mrs. Pagan remained at Letterman. Her job here is one of many performed by civilians—a definite aid to the war effort—and we might add, a definite asset to Letterman.



To 2nd Lieut. and Mrs. Davis H. Perpente a daughter, Carol Mae; born 29 April; weight 7 pounds 4½ ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Patrick J. Cronin a daughter, Deidra Mary; born 29 April; weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Bernard C. Elders a son, Bernard Cecil, Jr.; born 1 May; weight 7 pounds 7½ ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Milton J. Hanley a daughter, Donna Georgette; born 1 May; weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Jo Bailey Howard a daughter, Jeanne Hughson; born 2 May; weight 6 pounds 7½ ounces.

To F.O. and Mrs. Daniel S. Foster a son, Daniel James; born 1 May; weight 6 pounds 3½ ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Archie D. Fineout a son, Lawrence Edward; born 2 May; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces

To Capt. and Mrs. Fred E. Whaley a son, Fred Eugene, Jr.; born 2 May; weight 6 pounds 6 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Edward R. Williams a daughter, Eve Marie; born 2 May; weight 7 pounds 4½ ounces.

To 1st Lieut. and Mrs. Frank Sensintaffer a daughter, Barbara Lee; born 3 May; weight 5 pounds 4½ ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. John Pleskach a son, John Edward; born 3 May; weight 8 pounds.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Joseph F. Tryee a daughter, Winona Elaine; born 4 May; weight 7 pounds 2 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Earl A. Weed a daughter, Carol Arlene; born 5 May; weight 6 pounds 13½ ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Walter W. Farrell a son, Michael William; weight 6 pounds 9½ ounces.

San Francisco (CNS) — Sam Koblensy, a graduate of Sing Sing prison, attempted to holdup a local soda fountain but gave it up when he found that none of the customers had any money. He settled for a cherry smash instead and was happily sipping it when the cops arrived.

New York (CNS)—Latest rave in hats here is one shaped like a rabbit and another that looks like a bird cage.

MORE ABOUT WAC THIRD BIRTHDAY

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at the USO and service clubs, swimming parties, music hours, art classes, debating teams, language classes—men and women soldiers enjoy these together on most of the army posts in this country and, with some variation, in theaters overseas.

Since September, 1943, when the WAC became part of the army, the women have been eligible to enroll for courses through the United States Armed Forces Institute, either continuing work for college credit or picking up their education where it was left off in high school.

Additional courses were recently added to the institute's curriculum which will enable women to become better homemakers after the war. Service in the army has given many women an even greater interest than they had before in the making of good American homes.

They have been asked, in the First Air Force study, what their post war ambitions are. Marriage and home-making were the overwhelming choices of the majority. Some want to own their businesses, some want to follow the type of work they are now doing in the army—but 73 per cent of them have marriage and home-making as part or all of their post war plans.

Women soldiers were also asked what they think service in the army has done for them.

Over and over again they mentioned such things as tolerance, ability to get along with people, tactfulness, leadership, self assurance, a sense of responsibility, better organization of time, the ability to relax and make the most of leisure time, and neatness.

Better organization of time and neatness were the two things mentioned most often by those who had been in the army only a short time. Those whose periods of service were longer mentioned a sense of responsibility, leadership and self assurance most often.

Members of the WAC are eligible to receive such military awards as they may earn in service. Eleven members of the WAC have, to date, been awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in robot bombings in England.

Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the women's army corps, was awarded the distinguished service medal, third highest army decoration, December 30, 1944, for "sound basic plans and policies," reflected in "the high standards of conduct and discipline, the efficiency and devotion to duty exhibited by members of the women's army corps, both overseas and in this country."

As of January 1, 1945, five officers and enlisted women had been awarded the legion of merit; seven had earned the bronze star and two, for personal heroism not involving combat, had been given the soldier's medal.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of 14 May to 21 May

MONDAY—Make A Record to Send Home	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
A.F.E.C. Variety Stage Show	SSO	1830	YMCA
Open House with Girl Hostesses and refreshments and Sing	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—Movie "It's In The Bag" Fred Allen	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Music in the Lobby	SSO	1830	YMCA
WEDNESDAY—Fort Scott Swing Band, Cpl. Forbes Directing	SSO	1400	Patio
Photographs Taken	RECON	1800	YMCA
Sing with Bob	SSO	1830	YMCA
THURSDAY— "Man On The Street" Recorder Program	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Portrait Sketching	RECON	1400	YMCA
Movie "The Horn Blows at Midnight" Jack Benny	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso	SSO	1800	YMCA
FRIDAY—Silhouettes by Mrs. Avis Kurtzweil	RECON	1400	YMCA
Moonlight and Roses Night, Girls, Refreshments, Entertainment	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Fudge Party with Games	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Tea Leaf Fortunes by Jerry Jolly	RECON	1400	YMCA
Movie "Earl Carrol Vanities" Most Beautiful Girls in the World	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
SUNDAY— Social Hour in the Lobby	RECON	1330	YMCA
Birthday Party, Girl Hostesses, Music	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall

MORE ABOUT V-E DAY CEREMONIES

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Less solemn observance of V-E day took place Tuesday night with variety shows at the Red Cross recreation center and YMCA and with parties at main and east hospital mess halls.

At the east hospital mess hall, where post personnel and patients celebrated together, beer was the most popular refreshment, taking precedence over soft drinks and mustard-smeared hot dogs and lusty group singing was the main entertainment.

Muscle Builders

Formation of four military athletic associations to supervise the Army Service Forces' off-duty athletic and recreation program in each of the Ninth Service Command's security districts was announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Purpose of the newly created organizations, which already have established individual competitive leagues in three of the districts—Central, Southern, and Eastern—is three fold.

The initial aim is to cut to a minimum the necessity of team travel during district competition; secondly, streamline elimination play at levels prior to final command tournament competition, and last, an intensified campaign to further stimulate interest in the A & R program among servicemen.

Although leagues were created in three of the security districts, wartime transportation difficulties prohibited establishment of playing circuits in the Northern. However, teams representing installations within the area will continue to conduct intra-mural and district elimination play to determine eligibility to participate in command tournament finals.

1960

The following named EM of 1960 SCU, Hospital Train Unit were promoted to grades as indicated: To F/Sgt., T/Sgt. Quentin J. Ferguson; to T/Sgt., S/Sgt. Vernon C. Wickman; to Sgt., Cpl. Lester Lewis; to T/4th Gr., Cpl. Robert Dancey, Cpl. John S. Dexter, Cpl. Patrick D. Meli, Cpl. Robert W. Newman, Cpl. Delbert C. Shipman, T/5th Gr. Dale Harder, Cpl. Frederick D. Vanselus; to Cpl., Pfc. Clarence Frasl, Pvt. Stuart V. Malpole; to T/5th Gr., Pfc. Timothy F. Gremillot, Pfc. Maynard L. Nuckolls, Pfc. James A. Smith, Pfc. Chester J. Wendolowski, Pfc. Arthur J. Willems, Pfc. Murriel B. Woosley, Pvt. Richard Koehn, Jr.

Detachment No. 2, 1960 SCU, HTU congratulations to T/Sgt. Quentin J. Ferguson, who is now wearing F/Sgt. stripes.

The bowling team came out second place in the Presidio League. Not bad for first season and the turnover of men.

Our CO, Detachment No. 2, has just acquired a mascot in the form of a tiger cat aptly called **Stripes.**

Pfc. Doyle R. Cunningham of Detachment No. 4 was awarded the Bronze Star by Lt. Col. Algot R. Nelson, Commanding Officer of 1960 SCU last Friday, 4 May 1945. This award was given for meritorious achievement in actual combat. On 16 February 1944, during a counter-attack against the enemy position near Cisterna di Littoria, Italy, Private First Class Cunningham set up his machine gun in the open and engaged hostile machine guns and rifles 200 yards away, to enable friendly assault troop to reach the cover of a ditch. Although one member of his crew was killed and a second wounded, Private First Class Cunningham continued firing for almost 30 minutes until the rifle troops had reorganized. Residence at enlistment: Fayette, Alabama.

May we take this opportunity to offer a note of congratulations to two 1960 SCU civilian employees, namely June B. Stull and Isabella E. Gore, on the ribbons awarded them by Lt. Col. A. R. Nelson, Commanding Officer, for six months' satisfactory service with the War Department.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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New Library, Gift Of Standard Oil Co., Opened for Use

The bright be-flowered room that is the East Hospital's new library isn't only a place to read books or thumb through home town newspapers settled back in deeply cushioned chairs. It is also, as library attendants testify, a place for family reunions, conversation, letterwriting and smoking.

It may once have been the headquarters for medical technicians' school but the technicians would never recognize it now with its blue inlaid linoleum, its flower-sprayed drapes, its tan and rose and yellow-cushioned chairs and its shelves of books.

The transformation was accomplished through the generosity of the Standard Oil Company of California, and representatives of that organization gave personal attention to the selection of the furniture, drapes, writing desks, and floor lamps. A plaque over the entrance acknowledges the munificence of the company.

Influx was slow at first until word got around that the chairs were softer than a roll of cotton; there were writing desks supplied with special Letterman paper, and private rooms, off the main library, were provided for patients and their guests.

Now about 100 patients a day, the number fluctuating with arrivals of ships, use the library. They read some of the 700 books, supplied by the main library, one or more of the 62 home town newspapers contributed by editors throughout the country, and most of them write at least one letter at the polished black wooden desks.

"They're never ready to go home," said Mrs. William W. Scott. "Often we stay here later than closing time, 9:00 o'clock. The regular closing time may be changed to a later hour eventually, to accomodate patients restricted to the post who are bored with movies and have no place else to go.

Besides Mrs. Scott, library aides are Mrs. Amy H. Dawson, Mrs. Gail Knight and Mrs. William Tobin.

Even in the short time the library has been open, the four women in charge have seen reunions, heard overseas stories, looked at "more baby pictures than we've ever seen before." They like their work; they enjoy talking to the patients and they are proud of the new, informal library.

They also have plans for the future—a guest register to record names of visiting friends and relatives of patients, a large mirror on one wall, venetian blinds.

But whatever the improvements and changes, they will always be made to conform with the atmosphere of the room—informality.



THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Hands the first bond purchased in the Seventh War Loan to Pvt. Jeanne Riha, WAC, of the Letterman Detachment.

Bond Auction Part of Plan to Make Success Of the "Seventh"

San Francisco officially recognized the opening of the seventh war loan drive Tuesday noon when a 50-minute military parade, including 15 Letterman patients riding in open command cars, moved up Market street.

At the hospital plans were going ahead for the second post-sponsored war bond auction scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 25, in the patio or, in case of rain, in the Red Cross recreation hall. Lieutenant William R. Moody, war bond officer, is in charge of arrangements.

Auctioneer for the program will be Charles (Scotty) Butterworth, San Francisco probation officer who is known for his work in war bond sales.

Most spectacular among the items to be offered for bidding at the auction will be the ink-written signatures of Secretary of State Stettinius and Anthony Eden on new $1 bills.

Dollar bills, individually framed and autographed by seven Hollywood stars—Bette Davis, Bing Crosby, Joan Crawford, Frank Morgan, Ingrid Bergman, Robert Young and Jinx Falkenberg—will also be auctioned. They were procured through the interest of Mr. William Gordon of the RKO Radio Studios, Inc., of Hollywood and donated for this purpose.

In addition, purchasers of highest denomination war bonds will have an opportunity to get war-scarce drinkables, eatables and smokables. Cleansing tissues, 51-guage sheer hose, and alarm clocks, all on the hard-to-get list, will also be available for bond buyers.

Attendance will give everyone an opportunity to purchase a 25-cent war stamp entitling him to a chance

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PURPLE HEART

Two liberated prisoners of the Japanese and a member of Letterman's reconditioning staff received the Purple Heart last Saturday morning from Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman in a brief ceremony in the commanding general's office.

Sergeant James R. Iannone, the Letterman recipient, was also awarded the combat infantryman's badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, assistant executive officer, read the accompanying citations and Lieutenant Alfred L. Taro, aide de camp to General Hillman, assisted.

Liberated prisoners receiving awards were Staff Sergeant Abel R. Barnum of Albion, Ind., infantryman wounded in action by bomb fragments on Corregidor Dec. 29, 1941, and Sergeant Morse I. Rowe of Oakland, Iowa, signal corpsman wounded in action by shrapnel in Manila Jan. 3, 1944.

Sergeant Iannone, whose home is Brooklyn, N. Y., was wounded in action by small-arms fire on patrol duty at Chantre, France Sept. 7, 1944.

Five more awards of the Order of the Purple Heart, one with an oak leaf cluster, and one award of the soldier's medal were made Tuesday morning by General Hillman. Captain Lee Inman, adjutant, read the accompanying citations and Lieutenant A. L. Taro, aide de camp to the general, assisted in presentations.

Those honored were: Staff Sergeant James A. Campbell of Butte, Mont., army air forces, for wounds received in action at Del Monte airport, P. I., 13 April 1942; Captain Frederick C. Moffitt of Salinas, Calif., Tk Bn, for wounds received in action on West Bataan, P. I., 6 April 1942 and for wounds received in action on Bataan, 26 January 1942. Captain Moffitt received the oak leaf cluster to the purple heart while Staff Sergeant Campbell also received the soldier's medal.

Others honored with awards of the purple heart were: Second Lieutenant, Lewis S. Baer of San Francisco, infantry, for wounds received in action at Remagne, Belgium, 31 December 1944; Technical Sergeant Jacques J. Deckers, army air forces, for wounds received in action on Bataan, 28 March 1942 and Staff Sergeant Ralph E. Waldron of Medford, Ore., army air forces, for wounds received in action at Hanover, Germany, 10 August 1944.

MISSION HI HERE AGAIN WITH GIFTS



MISSION HI DELEGATION
Front row, L to R: Marilyn Forsberg, Rose Aviley, Mrs. Millikin, Gloria Whitney. Back row, L to R: Betty Chase, Chaplain McKenna, Gloria Bates.

Two groups of girls from Mission High School have recently visited this hospital bearing gifts for the patients. They were representative of girls who, under the able supervision of Mrs. Florence Millikin, student counsellor, donate their time and money so that gaily wrapped packages may be given to the wounded men each month.

During April, a quintette of young ladies made two trips, each time with over a hundred presents. They were; Betty Chase, Gloria Bates, Marilyn Forsberg, Rose Aviley and Gloria Whitney.

On Monday last, a representative trio once again brought gifts for the men here and they were; Rose Caltabiano, Elizabeth Callow and Lavania Sill. They were accompanied by Mrs. Millikin, who has sponsored this activity for over two years, and has unique ways of collecting money for these gifts. As one young lady put it, "Don't chew gum in her class, or you will have to put five cents in the Letterman Gift Fund."



Sgt. JAMES R. IANNONE
Receives the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Chantre, France. S/Sgt. Abel R. Barnum (left) and Sgt. Morse I. Rowe received the same decoration at the ceremony from the hand of General Hillman.

Information, Please

For your information: Telephones in San Francisco are just like everywhere else.

They have a dial and a handle. When the long distance operator says, "There will be a slight delay in your call, sir," it means at least three hours—just like everywhere else.

San Francisco has 31 exchanges. You dial the first two letters of the exchange. Most numbers are four numbers plus the two-letter exchange. Just to make it difficult, some S. F. numbers have five numbers.

For calls down the country or across the bay, dial Operator. Long distance is "211." Information is "411."

It costs four bucks to phone New York, five bucks person-to-person. This price drops one dollar on each after 8 o'clock at night.

Be sure to call your friends in New York at midnight. That reserves the telephones for soldiers and sailors and gets your friends out of bed at 3 o'clock in the morning.

The head man for the telephone company hereabouts is Lyle Brown. If you phone him on a pay phone, the operator will return your nickel at the end of the call.

You can win money by betting on this with other visiting firemen. GArfield 9000.

The battery of phone booths at the Palace Hotel is usually good for a shake of 50 cents or so, especially in the evening when the drunks forget to pick up returned nickels in the return slot.

If you want the correct time, dial ROchester 8900. You can dial ROchester and any four numbers and get the same result, but the telephone book says "8900."

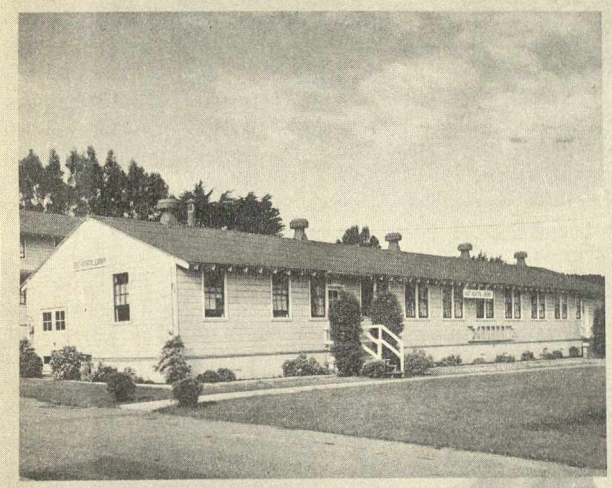
There is no use trying to date the time operator. She can't hear you. But you can amaze your friends by dialing the time operator and calling her all kinds of names.

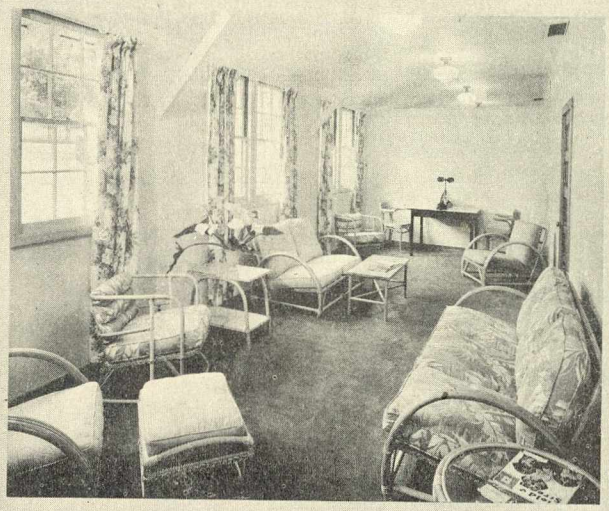
There isn't much more to tell you about the San Francisco telephone system except that you can run up a long distance bill that will rock you back to the Morris Plan if you don't watch it.

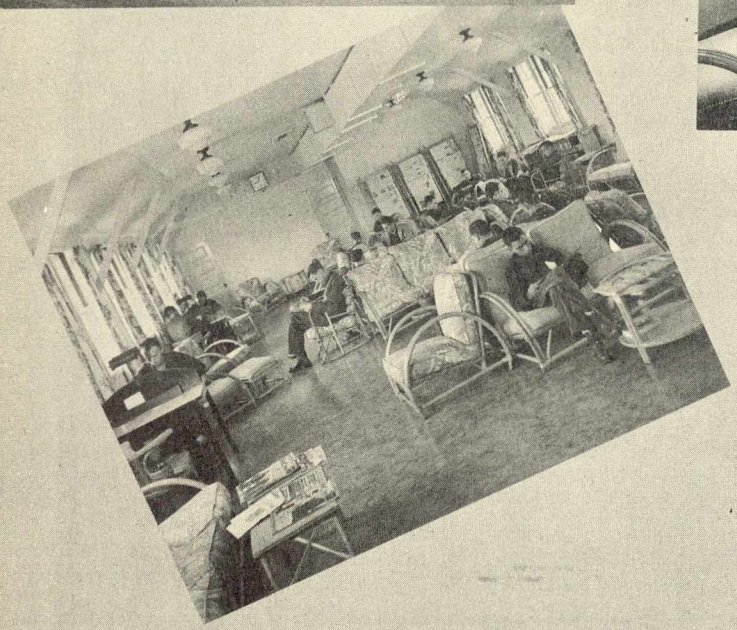
If you don't know how to use a telephone, what are you doing at the conference?

—Cribbed from "The Black Cat"

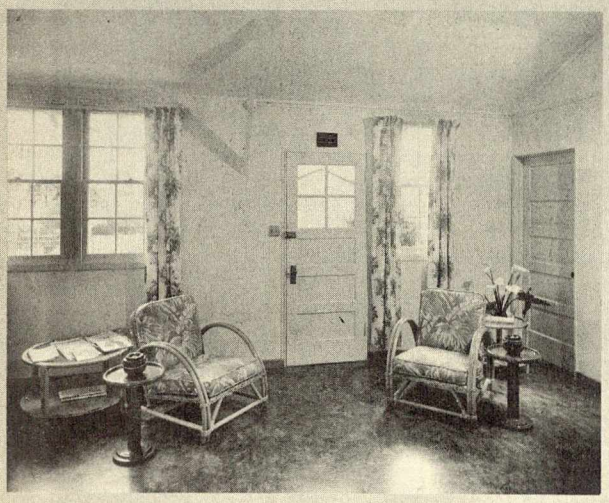
STANDARD OIL FURNISHES EAST HOSPITAL LIBRARY











Upper left---
EXTERIOR OF LIBRARY BUILDING

Upper right---
ONE OF THE SMALLER ROOMS
For quiet visits with families and friends

Center left---
PATIENTS READING HOME TOWN PAPERS
Papers from 62 cities are available in this corner

Lower left---
A COZY CORNER JUST FOR TWO

Lower right---
FULL VIEW OF THE READING ROOM

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EDITORIAL

MEN IN WHITES

Let's stop just a moment to pay tribute to a crew of workers—a large crew—which makes up one of the most important spokes in the hospital wheel—the "Men in Whites."

In all the wards of this hospital are enlisted men and women who work 12 long hours every day—the men in white and the women in stripes—the uniform of medical soldiers who labor diligently day in and day out, unheralded and too often unnoticed. The men they serve, the sick, the wounded—all realize the worth of the unspectacular role these medics play in effecting recovery. The dull work of "bucking up" the ward, sorting of linen, and the 101 other tasks, assisting doctors and nurses, all fill a vital place in the mission of this and all Army hospitals—the care and treatment of fellow soldiers.

The skill, patience, and invaluable aid these men and women on the wards contribute to the professional care on the part of their directors are often beyond the call of duty.

They merit a big hand.

—Adapted from "Torney Topics."

Prisoners of war working in agricultural fields under private contract earned $22,000,000 for the Treasury of the United States during 1944, headquarters, Ninth Service Command prisoner of war division announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah.



Welcome to Letterman's new nurses. From Hoff General hospital in Santa Barbara come a first and three second lieutenants. First Lt. Aurelie A. Paulin, native of Canada, trained at St. Joseph's hospital in Ontario. She entered the army Jan. 7, 1943, at Letterman and served 15 months in England before returning to the states.

Second Lts. Shirlee K. Bambauer took her training at St. Luke's hospital, San Francisco, finishing in 1941. From December 1942 to May 1944 she was on duty in England and, upon returning to this country, was stationed at Hoff.

Second Lt. Elizabeth M. Chuck of New York City, entered the army Jan. 5, 1942, after finishing her training at St. John's hospital, Island City, N. Y. She had two and a half years in England, returning home in November 1944.

Final member of the Hoff G. H. quartet is 2nd Lt. Juanita J. Oliver of Montgomery, W. Va., who was in North Africa 10 months and in Italy the same length of time, returning last December. She took her training at St. Mary's hospital, Huntington, W. Va., and entered the army Dec. 4, 1942.

Second Lt. Eleanor M. Godfrey, one of Camp Cooke's two representatives, was a resident of Seattle, Wash., until she joined the army nurse corps in October 1944 and was sent to Camp Cooke where she has been stationed until coming to Letterman. She is a graduate of the University of Washington school of nursing. Also from Camp Cooke comes 1st Lt. Minnie Yekey.

Hammond General hospital in Modesto has sent a delegation of 13 to Letterman. Among them are 2nd Lts. Sylva J. Lueking and Muriel A. Stark.

Wood River, Ill., is the home of Lt. Lueking who was commissioned Feb. 8 of this year in her home town and took her basic training at Camp McCoy, Wis., before reporting to Hammond.

Lieutenant Stark, whose home is Normal, Ill., trained in Peoria, Ill., and, before entering the army Feb. 8, did public health nursing. She also took her training at Camp McCoy, later reporting to Hammond General.

Other nurses transfererd from Hammond are 2nd Lts. Blanche R. Cernac, Lana A. Giles, Mary C. Mannin, Lois Bergendorff, Katherine M. Walker, Betty J. Johnson, Barbara Monroe, Mary J. Wheat, Katherine H. Kvaternik, Ruth F. Van Natter and Elizabeth Bittner.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Much jubilation, as well as candy and cigars, on the occasion of recent promotions. First Lt. **William C. Murphy** to captain; 2nd Lts. **George D. Dowling, Karl A. Gertenhouse, Sherrod S. Smith** and **Ralph R. Pinelli** to 1st Lt. Congratulations from all all of us.

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Mrs. **Alice Thompson,** "Mom" to the patients frequenting the post exchange for the past three years, very happy over the new officer in her family—and he was comissioned in the field overseas.

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The dietitians in stripes, not for punishment, but because the regulations say dietitians will wear stripes. And we think they look well in stripes.

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Major **Robert T. Terry,** one time Lettermanite, back here as a patient from the Pacific area.

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A corn cob in action; one of our inspecting officers puffing a pipe of that make.

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Miss **Kay Dirsa,** popular telephone girl, back from her vacation and the smile brighter than ever.

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The end of the low lying fog that has obscured the vista from the third floor of the Administration Building.

MORE ABOUT BOND AUCTION

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on a $25 war bond raffle which will close the auction.

Lieutenant Moody announced that, as a new feature of the auction, an evening of dining and dancing with "one of San Francisco's most glamorous subdebs" will be provided for purchaser of the highest denomination war bond.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 20, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

OBITUARY

MRS. BESSIE F. DE WITT

Mrs. Bessie F. De Witt, wife of Brigadier General Wallace De Witt, U. S. Army, retired, and three time commander of Letterman General Hospital, died suddenly at her residence on Sunday morning last.

Funeral services were held at the Post Chapel in the Presidio on Wednesday afternoon and followed by interment in the National Cemetery nearby. Chaplain A. E. Butcher officiated at the services and the honorary pall bearers were all friends of the family. Colonel Eugene J. Ely, Colonel Lloyd L. Smith, Colonel Irving J. Sloat, Colonel Horace S. Villers, Colonel Ross Paull, and Dr. Roderick O'Connor. The active pall bearers were senior non-commissioned officers from Letterman General Hospital.

Mrs. De Witt is survived, in addition to General De Witt, by her son Captain Wallace De Witt.

The sympathy of the command is extended to the family.

Spring Dance

Fresh flowers will be the chief decoration for the YMCA's springtime formal dance for military personnel May 30, according to Miss Irene Davis, program director for the "Y."

A committee from the Girls' Service organization, junior hostess group, is making arrangements for the dance which will be preceded by a party for Letterman hospital patients. Service men and women may participate in planning the festivities.

WAC OF THE WEEK



MARY C. JOYCE
Pvt., WAC

The tables were turned and teacher became student when Private Mary C. Joyce entered the Women's Army Corps in September of 1944.

For 15 years prior to her enlistment, Private Joyce had taught school, but she soon found that medical technician training entailed a great deal of studying as it was an entirely new field to her. Evidence that she who had formerly been the teacher was now an outstanding student is the fact that she was one of seven chosen from her class in basic training who were called in for the Rotary Award. Her average grade of 97.8% came mighty close to being tops, as the winning average was 99%.

Private Joyce is from Henderson, Minnesota, where she attended Henderson High School, and graduated from Mantato State Teachers' College. She majored in elementary training, and followed her graduation by teaching school for 15 years.

Enlisting in the Women's Army Corps in 1944, Private Joyce took her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Medical technician training at Fitsimmons General Hospital followed, and added training was taken at Camp Carson, Colorado Springs. Her assignment to Letterman General Hospital came in March of this year, and Private Joyce is now working in Central Service where all surgical instruments are sterilized and issued.

Private Joyce is not planning to return to teaching school after the war. She has found that she enjoys hospital work and wishes to continue in this line in one of the hospitals in Minnesota when she is released by the Army.

A college degree is Private Joyce's goal, and she hopes to accomplish this by taking extension courses in both psychology and sociology. If this sounds like an energetic program, we are sure that it can and will be accomplished by our teacher who became a student when she joined the WAC.

DOROTHY LAMOUR AND COMPANY GIVE PATIENTS A PLEASANT AFTERNOON



Playing to Standing Room Only, a star-studded group of movie elite headed by Dorothy Lamour moved into the Recreation Center last Thursday and gave out with an hour and a half of solid entertainment.

Miss Lamour sang song favorites from her pictures and concluded with "I Can't Give You Anything But Love Baby," dedicated to the ward patients who were listening over the loud speaker system.

The troupes' time schedule prompted Miss Lamour to hesitate before singing a third selection, but from the wings Lina Romay, featured singer with Xavier Cugat's orchestra, and other cast members called out, "you've got time for one more, Dottie," and Miss Lamour in her black dress with lace bodice, walked back to the center of the stage smiling, to finish her part of the program. Before her appearance on the show, the actress who has toured so many army camps, stood in the wings talking with the patients. She said that this was her first visit to Letterman, although her husband Captain William Howard, came here as a patient in April of 1943.

Jess Barker acted as Master of Ceremonies, and will be remembered for three girls, Cover Girl, Government Girl, and the girl in his life, Susan Hayward. Enthusiastically received by the audience were Marion Bell who sang several selections from light opera; Robert Alda and Don McGuire, who did a comedy routine; Vivian Blaine, with songs from Something For The Boys; and Kerby Grant singing that old favorite, Home On The Range.

Lina Romay, featured a song from the latest Walt Disney picture, The Three Caballeros, Renee De Marco of the famed De Marco dance team sang and danced, and Ernie Barron, accompanied by phonograph records gave the audience a visual impression, by his mimicry, of several humorous songs. Dariel Jean Johnson visited the wards while the show was progressing.

In the wings, Miss Lamour finished autographing foreign currency for the patients while Jess Barker closed the program. The cast, who had been relaxing backstage snapped to something like attention and prepared to leave. "Come on, Dottie," someone called, and Miss Lamour rose and handed back an autographed bill.

There was a flutter of bright clothing, a quick passing procession of glittering ornaments, the hum of last minute goodbyes, and the Hollywood troupe had moved on.

18 LOCOMOTIVES FLOWN TO BURMA

Eighteen locomotives, built in 92 days, recently were flown to Burma in the first air-locomotive flight in history, Ninth Service Command headquarters said today.

ON THE SPOT



JOHN ENGLER
Pfc., Infantry

It was a matter of five seconds which decided for Private First Class John Engler of Lambertville, Michigan, whether he would be fighting Japs in the Southwest Pacific or in a hospital in the United States.

The Michigan Infantryman, who served with an intelligence section of a unit in the 32nd Infantry Division, was catching a few winks of sleep one night on Leyte when the Japs opened up with a sudden artillery barrage. He grabbed for his rifle on the ground beside him, preparing to make a dash behind a huge tree 15 yards away. At the same moment another soldier stepped on the rifle.

"It was only about five seconds, but just long enough to prevent me from scurrying to safety behind the tree," said Private Engler at Letterman. "The next thing I knew there was another shell-burst somewhere near me and I was taken back to an aid station, with fragments in my thigh and chest.

"By an odd quirk, the buddy who tramped on my rifle didn't suffer a scratch, though he was standing up and I was prone on the ground."

The 30-year-old Infantryman, who has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, saw action in an intelligence unit in the Aitape and Moratai campaigns, in addition to his service on Leyte. He was a rifleman for a time at Aitape, where he sent several Japs to their ancestors by accurate M1 fire before he began gathering information about the enemy.

Infantry company medical aid men are doing a great job not only in administering prompt and efficient first aid to the wounded in the Southwest Pacific, but in boosting morale, the doughboy declared.

WAC

News of the Week

Orders on 28 WACs who will complete technicians' courses with a month of on-the-job training at Letterman are in the WAC orderly room and the girls are expected shortly.

Following their training they will be assigned to the hospital as permanent members of the WAC company which now numbers 75. In charge of the trainees, under the commanding officer, will be Sergeant **Opal G. Borders,** also newly arrived here.

Tidbits

PFC **Clara B. Higgins,** who works on Ward O-1, left Tuesday for a reunion with her son, Donald, who has received a discharge from the navy and is home in Inglewood, Calif. She will return after her 15-day furlough.

Private **Joan E. Randall,** X-ray technician, is back again after an extended emergency furlough.

Blanche Tinnerholm, T/5 who works at Dante, has completed a week's course in care and handling of training film and projector equipment in the Ninth Service Command Projectionist and Film Librarians' school.

Feature of the Week

Even reveille and long-handled mops can't dampen spirits of the majority of eight California ex-recruiters recently assigned to Letterman.

Enthusiastically they explain, while barracks-veterans gape, that they prefer barracks to apartments; there's more to do in a camp with hundreds of others than adrift in a city and they're tired of leading "civilian-like" lives.

Sergeant Borders, formerly of the San Francisco recruiting office and originally from Texas, sums it up with, "It feels just like the army; it's all right, reveille and all."

To which Corporal **Jean Welch,** whose home is San Jose, and Corporal **Elizabeth Lee of Alabama** add a fervent, "It's O. K." Both girls were in the San Francisco office.

Sergeant **Karen Fuller,** who lived in her own home in Stockton for a year while recruiting there says, "I think it's good to get back to army life. We're tired of being civilians."

Sergeant **Dorothy Fasset,** who was in the San Diego office, lived in San Francisco before entering the army and coming back is coming home to her. She recalls, without a trace of wistfulness, the house—with fireplace—that she shared with two other girls in San Diego.

Remainder of the San Francisco staff now at Letterman consists of Staff Sergeant **Dorothy J. Ropar, Sergeant Sophie Howard** and **Ruth F. Hunt,** T/4.

"INDIA WAS NEVER LIKE THIS" SAYS LGH NURSE AND SHE IS GLAD OF IT



Lieut. LILLIAN EDMUNTOWICZ, ANC

Lieutenant Lillian Edmuntowicz, for the last month a member of the medical staff of ward C 1, recalled with alternate smiles and gravity some of the incidents of her two-year stay in India.

The dark-haired nurse, who trained at King's County hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived at an Indian hospital in September 1943 and remained there, taking care of Chinese and American soldiers, until last September when she returned to the states. For three months she was a patient at Fitzsimons General hospital in Denver, Colo., and in March was assigned to duty at Letterman.

Greatest difficulty with Chinese patients was keeping them in bed, Lieutenant Edmuntowicz said. "One minute they're in bed and delirious and the next minute they're outside picking up weeds to eat."

Not until Chinese patients had been in the hospital at least a week did they become accustomed to American food. Before that they preferred their own rice, "bugs and all," to the polished rice prepared for them, and their weeds to American dishes.

"After a week or two though, they began to like our meals, and they fattened up on them. Then they'd eat anything you gave them."

Lieutenant Edmuntowicz described the American-trained Chinese troops in India as better supplied and better disciplined than the average Chinese troops who generally have poor clothing and equipment. In his personality makeup she especially noted the Chinese soldier's humility, his intense fear of his superior officers.

In her contact with the Indian people Lieutenant Edmuntowicz noticed a desire for independence but she believes that the scattered condition of the population makes any forceful, cohesive demand for independence difficult.

Asked if, given her choice, she would be willing to go back overseas, the Letterman nurse smiled and quickly nodded, "Yes, I would."

CIVIL CIRCLES

Here it is Saturday again and time for our weekly gab fest. We had thought of opening with a stock phrase about spring and a young man's fancy, but it's sheer corn, so we won't even mention it. However, Letterman is being swept by an epidemic of romance. Several among us have already contracted this highly contagious disease. The medics assure us that there is no known cure, so be wary.

One of those afflicted is Joan Worley, that slick chick from the Dental Branch. Joan returned from a visit to the Monterey Peninsula and Carmel this week. Her fiance had just come home from a three and one-half year tour of duty overseas. The whole Dental Branch is jubilant over the whole thing and rightly so.

The germ seems to be concentrated in that particular second floor area. We feel that sterile masks and gowns should be issued to all who enter there to prevent any further spread of the infection, which, if uncontrolled, could completely disrupt the workings of our organization. It has already attacked a member of the E.E.N.&T. Branch across the hall. Mrs. Fred Guth, formerly Eve Adams, and known to us all as Ace, has returned from her honeymoon in Reno. Her husband, Sgt. Fred Guth was stationed here in 1939 before he went to Manila, P. I., where he remained until Luzon fell. For two years and nine months he was a prisoner of war. Through the gallant rescue of several men on Corregidor, Sgt. Guth has been awarded three presidential citations and the Silver Star. We wish you both great happiness, Ace.

Dorothy Krahl from R&E showed all the symptoms last Tuesday. She was an excited gal when her husband arrived here on the same ship with a group of patients. He is a transport surgeon and Dorothy took the day off to show him around the town.

We intend to spend the week-end taking vitamins like mad to build up our resistance. How about you?

THAT MAN'S A HERO

. . . If he is wearing a service ribbon of ultramarine blue moire silk with two bands of golden orange, denoting the Air Medal.

The wearer of this ribbon has been decorated by the War Department for "meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight."

1960

There was certainly some spirited competition when Det. No. 2 and Det. No. 3 met at volleyball this last Wednesday afternoon. Det. No. 3 won two out of three games, and challenges are now out to Det. No. 1 or 4.

T/Sgt. Jerry Sherman of Det. No. 1 says the best way to rap a Jap is to buy War Bonds.

Capt. Walter Heck and his wife Betty, are completely thrilled with the exquisite wedding gift given to them by the 1960 Officers this week. The beautiful gift was a 49 piece Lippin glassware set in the concerto pattern.

SCU 1960 welcomes the arrival of these new officers: 1st Lt. Harry Glube, CE, 2nd Lts. Evelyn Austin, ANC, Elsie L. Haig, ANC, Ada G. Apodaca, ANC, Helen D. Bainbridge, ANC, Marie L. Fourness, ANC, Joyce I. Franklin, ANC, Veona Gilbert, ANC, Anita Ozcoidi, ANC, Joan Pritchard, ANC, Ellen A. Trainer, ANC, Dona McKenzie, ANC, Erma G. James, ANC, Evelyn B. Foster, ANC.

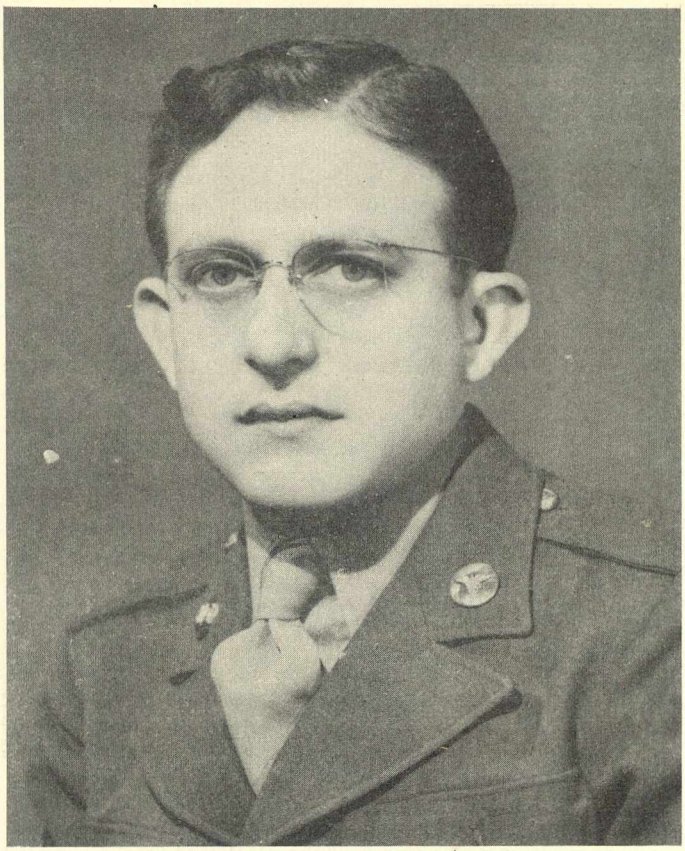
The following men received promotions: To Master Sergeant, T/Sgt. Edward C. Brant and T/Sgt. Joseph M. Donlan; to Top Sergeant, S/Sgt. Shiar Rahaim and T/3 John R. Dick; to Sergeant, T/5 Richard B. Hoo and T/5 Richard A. Hyatt; to Corporal, Pfc Oliver C. Bender, Pfc Doyle R. Cunningham and Pfc Ferdinand M. Ettl.

The softball game held last Friday 11 May 1945, between Det. No. 2 and 3 was won by Det. No. 3. This boy T/5 Ed Gotch of Det. No. 3 throws a very fast ball, keeping Det. No. 2 down to two runs. The score—12 to 2.

The 1960 Farewell Officers' Party given last Friday night 11 May 1945, turned out to be plenty of fun. One of the gay spots of the party was when Capt. Fred Ornsteen gave out with two new song hits. Other music was played by one of our own men, Pfc Tony Botindari, who plays the accordian.

Approximately 860 of the personnel of 1960 HTU assembled at the Post Theatre to participate in ceremonies held on V-E Day.

DANTE SERGEANT MAJOR IS FAST LOSING HIS LOVE FOR BROOKLYN



Sgt. VINCENT R. CELLUCCI
Sergeant Major of the Dante Annex

It seems to us that Boston, Mass., has contributed to almost every company or detachment in the Army. In fact, we think that Boston must run pretty close to Texas, California and Brooklyn in numbers in its sons in service.

Sergeant Vincent R. Cellucci, known as "Vince" to his fellow medics at Dante Annex, is a native Bostonian and attended primary school there.

In 1931 he moved to Portland, Me., where he was graduated from high school and entered Northeastern Business College, majoring in accounting. Later he worked in the stock control department at the South Portland Shipbuilding Corporation.

Vince, as one of the few pianists at Dante, is a popular man around the detachment day room. When asked his specialty in music, he replied that he had none for he plays only for "his own amazement."

While in high school he participated in track and field athletics but now confines his outdoor activity to shooting an average game of golf. Lately he has become interested in bowling and can often be found practicing for league games in which he plays with a Dante staff team. But his first love is poker and other men of the detachment will testify that the sergeant plays a pretty cagey game.

When war was declared, Vince was still helping to build ships but by December 1942 the long arm of the draft board reached out and grabbed him. Vince was assigned to Fort Mason as a member of the finance department and a little later reassigned to the medical department at Camp Knight where he worked in the station dispensary until 1943. Here Vince earned his Pfc. stripe.

About that time the Army took over Dante Hospital and a select group of technicians and clerks was sent here to accomplish the change-over from civilian to military control.

Vince was assigned to the sergeant major's office where he worked under M/Sgt. Bruce Welton. Here he made his second and third stripes and when Sergeant Welton was transferred, Sergeant Cellucci stepped into his shoes. Since that time he has held down the job in a very creditable manner and has managed to keep his smile and sense of humor.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: T/Sgt. Harry G. Thomas and S/Sgt. William R. Mathias, appointed M/Sgt.; Sgt. John W. Dean, appointed S/Sgt.; Pvts. George F. Cremeans and Abel Pina, appointed Privates First Class.

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A welcome is extended to Pvt. John J. Parkinson who joined the detachment during the past week.

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Furloughs are still the order of the day and the lucky GI's to be off to their homes during the past week were: Pvts. Arthur L. Horn and Otto W. Gauger, each with 23 days; T/5 Herbert J. Freedman and Pvts. Louis R. Campos and Robert G. Toepfer, each with 17 days; Sgt. Archie D. Fineout, T/5 Joseph E. Goode, T/5 Lawrence Herzer and Pvt. Dale W. Ryner, each with 15 days; Cpl. Harry P. Agruss and Pvt. John A. DeTar, each with 14 days; Pvt. Hugh M. Widetick, with eight days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Edward Bythin back from furlough and once more resuming his daily climb to the third floor of the Administration building.

Sgt. Carver M. Smith wondering when he will be able to play golf again, and inquiring about when the San Francisco "dew" clears.

With horse racing back in the headlines the familiar cry of "I Got a Cinch in the First" rings out in the NCO Quarters by T/3 Charles E. Wilcox and the local touts.

Sgt. Edward G. Vicary and Cpl. Benjamin Weitz beginning to look like brothers. If they keep putting on any more weight, they will look like twins.

Sgt. Luverne D. Boland doing a good job of pinch hitting at the gas station while Wiley Parker was ill for a few days.

DANTE ANTICS

The Seventh War Loan opened with a bang at Dante last Tuesday in the Patient's Solarium, attended by patients, military and civilian personnel alike. The program was opened by Lt. W. J. Murray, Asst. War Bond Officer, who explained the competitive basis for the Bond Drive, the "Tokyo Express." The personnel at Dante has been divided into teams, each competing against the other, with 100% participation as the goal of each team. Dante Annex will be represented as a team in the same type of competition at Letterman, with Crissy Field Annex, 1960 SCU and the larger units of Letterman itself as the other teams.

Following this introduction was a short talk by Lt. Col. Charles E. Cocks, Jr., Asst. Executive Officer who presented facts and figures proving that many of the current rumors concerning War Bonds are false. Col. Cocks showed that only a comparatively small percentage of Bonds are cashed, and then only in real emergencies, as the Bonds were designed to meet.

The featured speaker was Major Jesus Villamor, USA, of the Office of the Chief of Staff of General MacArthur, who has been on temporary duty with the Office of the President of the Philippines, and also on temporary duty as Advisor to the Philippine Delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organization. His experiences in his native Philippines before the return of our forces were told in a graphic yet humorous manner that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in the audience. Major Villamor has agreed to appear as guest at one of the regular Orientation discussion periods held weekly at Dante for the patients and Detachment personnel.

The honor of purchasing the first Bond in the Seventh War Loan Drive at Dante goes to Sgt. Paul E. Jewell, of the Medical Library, who deposited money to buy a $50.00 Bond more than two months ago. Several others arrived bright and early Tuesday morning to claim that honor, but Sgt. Jewell was far ahead of them all. In order, however, to give recognition to those others who made an effort to be first, it was decided to keep only team lists, rather than a combined list, so that each of those early birds would have the honor of being the first purchaser of their teams.

P.O.W. Camps to Be Supervised by Returned Veterans

Returned overseas veterans, especially Americans liberated from German and Japanese prisons, will be utilized to a maximum extent in guarding prisoners of war and administering camps within the Ninth Service Command, it was announced today by Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general, at Fort Douglas, Utah.

All reassignment and redistribution stations in the command have been instructed to carefully screen overseas returnees for selection of qualified Army personnel who desire assignment for duty at prisoner of war camps, he declared.

Commissioned and enlisted personnel selected will be thoroughly indoctrinated in the provisions of the Geneva Convention and the need for firm but fair treatment of prisoners prior to reporting for duty at the camps.

General Shedd also stated that a new policy regarding feeding of prisoners of war has been adopted. The revised menu, now being served at all internment camps, eliminates most critical and rationed foods from the daily diet, he said. The only meat authorized consists of varieties which are in the least demand, such as feet, neck, heart, kidneys and tails.

The caloric value of the ration necessary for working prisoners will be maintained by use of plentiful vegetables and starch foods, with sugar and sweets virtually eliminated.

Prisoners who refuse to work are immediately placed on a bread and water diet.

Red Cross Visitor

Miss Maria Y. Ferro, Red Cross hospital field supervisor for the Bay area, visited Letterman Tuesday and, here as at other army and navy hospitals on her schedule, conferred with officials on the status of recreation, case work and administration.

She expressed great satisfaction with all phases of Red Cross work at Letterman and relayed praise of the hospital from former Letterman patients she has met elsewhere. Miss Ferro, whose home is Salt Lake City, left Tuesday, planning to stop next at Dibble General hospital, Menlo Park.

The Stork Was Here

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Arthur F. Mickey** a daughter, Karen Ruth; born 6 May; weight 5 pound 15 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Howard Klotz** a son, Robert Thomas; born 7 May; weight 5 pounds 13½ ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Oscar G. Helming** a son, David Parker; born 7 May; weight 5 pounds 14½ ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Anton R. Laumann** a son, Anton James; born 7 May; weight 5 pounds 14 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. **Joseph E. Connor** a son, Gregory Hohn; born 7 May; weight 8 pounds 7 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **George D. Serfass** a son, Peter Kent; born 8 May; weight 6 pounds 1¾ ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **John J. Roland** a daughter, Pamela Elaine; born 8 May; weight 7 pounds 10½ ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Melvin O. Bachman** a son, Melvin Hamilton; born 10 May; weight 7 pounds 2½ ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **William McGinnis** a daughter, Nancy Gail; born 11 May; weight 5 pounds 2¾ ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **William Mc Ginnis** a daughter, Mary Catherine; born 11 May; weight 4 pounds 14¾ ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Kalton D. Newman,** a daughter, Mariam Kay; born 11 May; weight 6 pounds 11 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Edgar L. Smith** a daughter, Bonnie Louise; born 11 May; weight 6 pounds 11 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Clarence Marshall** a daughter, Coralee; born 12 May; weight 6 pounds 6½ ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Pascal Friscia** a son, Philip; born 13 May; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Kenneth J. Juemmel** a son, Joseph Kenenth; born 13 May; weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Dale H. Birdsall** a son, James Hasler; born 13 May; weight 6 pounds 13½ ounces.

VEHICLES IN EUROPE ARE VETERANS

Many of the Army Ordnance vehicles used in the drive on the French city of Strasbourg were originally used in the North African campaign and later in Sicily and during the drive on Rome, the Ninth Service Command Ordnance officer learned today.

Oldest Internee Has Highest Praise for The Modern Soldier

In the opinion of a man who has known intimately American soldiers of both world wars, both the doughboys and officers of the present conflict are greatly superior to those of the past.

Colonel Frank J. Griffin 73 year old retired officer who returned to the United States May 6 after three years' imprisonment by the Japanese in Manila, praised the fighting power, as well as the unexpected gentleness, he had found in American overseas troops.

He attributed their efficiency as a fighting unit to their innate initiative, their "superb training" and to the better classification system of this war.

Colonel Griffin, who was living in Manila when the Japanese invaded, commissioned in the army as a major in 1917 and, at the conclusion of the war, was a member of President Wilson's personal party to the peace conference.

He described Wilson as a great thinker. "He was brilliant, extremely brilliant, and to be associated with him gave us a great admiration for him."

In the coming peace, Colonel Griffin advocated that the United States be practical, not dreamily idealistic. "We've got an aim. We've got an object to carry through but we've got to use practical methods to do it."

He urged that Japan, a nation of savages, feel the American iron fist, for in the Orient, he said, consideration and kindness are taken only to mean weakness and fear. The superiority complex of the Japanese was interpreted by Colonel Griffin as compensation for a feeling of inferiority.

Colonel Griffin had retired from law practice in New York and was working with the secretary of war, as a civilian, when commissioned in the army.

More of his life has been civil than military but the former signal corps officer asserts that his best friends and happiest times were found in military life from which he retired in 1932. He expects to remain in San Francisco after leaving the hospital.

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LGH Represented At Muir Woods Dedication Program

Letterman General Hospital was represented by four enlisted men at an impressive dedication ceremony in memory of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt Saturday afternoon, May 19, when delegates and advisors of the United Nations Conference on International Organization met at Muir Woods National Monument in Marin County to pay tribute to our country's 31st president.

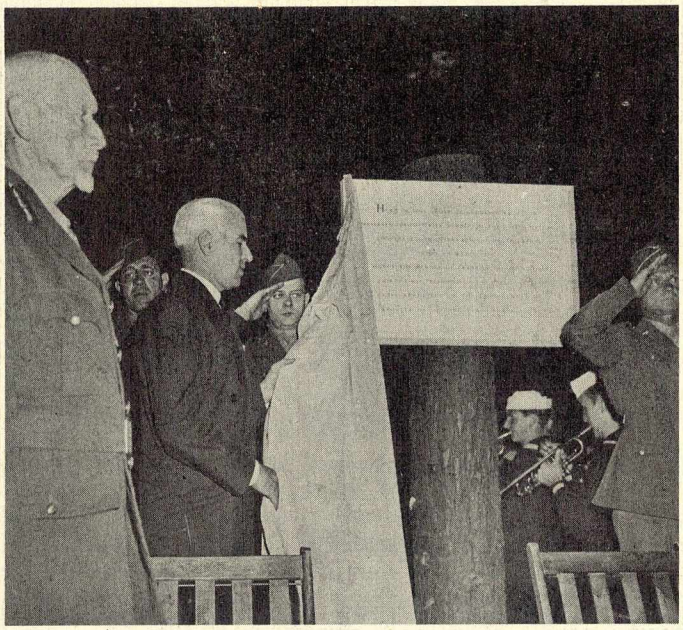
At the request of Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., these men were selected by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman to act as honor guard for the dedication. The men included three patients and Sergeant James R. Iannone, of Brooklyn, New York, now assigned to the reconditioning staff at the hospital. Sergeant Iiannone was wounded in Chantre, France, and returned to the United States three months ago. The other men selected for the honor guard included two veterans of the South Pacific and one soldier from the Italian Campaign. They include: Pfc. Verne Buckle, of Denver, Colorado, wounded on Bougainville; Pfc. Early Brincefield, of Oakland, California, wounded at Arawe, and Pfc. Arlen F. Duke, of Roton, Texas, wounded at Cassino.

The ceremony was first suggested by the Chairman of the Brazilian Delegation, Mr. Pedro Leao Velloso. The program included speeches by Mr. Velloso, Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa and Secretary of State Stettinius.

Mr. Velloso stated, "As author of the good neighbor policy for the nations of the Americas, President Roosevelt sought to apply its principle of friendship to all nations of the world. It is for that very purpose that the United Nations have gathered in San Francisco. It is through the inspiration of the divine spark which animated the spirit of Franklin Roosevelt that the work of the San Francisco Conference may be accomplished."

The Field Marshal referring to the European situation said, "Europe lies in ruins, and if the work of the present Conference is to last it must restore Europe to a condition of spiritual, political, and material order. This work of binding up the wounds through effective implementation of the spirit of Roosevelt's historic declarations will be the greatest monument that the nations can build to him and to the America which he represented.

Mr. Stettinius spoke briefly, thanking the Brazilian Foreign Minister and the Prime Minister of South Africa for their remarks, pointing also to the suitability of placing the memorial among the great grove of trees whose timeless age epitomized the late president's spirit. Mr. Stettinius then unveiled the replica of the plaque to be erected in bronze "as a reminder to posterity of the world's eternal debt to Franklin D. Roosevelt, chief architect of the United Nations, and apostle of lasting peace for all mankind."



THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Unveils plaque honoring the late President in Muir Woods. Letterman furnished the guard of honor for the occasion.

Tobacco Rationing To Start Next Week

Just another reason for expediting the defeat of Japan will be chalked up next week when the noxious weed will be placed on the list of rationed commodities. In words of one syllable—tobacco will be scarce and hard to get except in limited quantities.

The rationing plan will go into effect on 3 June and will control the distribution of cigars, cigarettes, and pipe tobacco to army personnel and such civilian personnel as are authorized to purchase from sales outlets at army installations.

Ration cards will be issued in four colors: Orange for military personnel and their dependents; green for civilians; pink for members of Italian Service Units, and buff for prisoners of war. The ration allowance will be two points per week for each of the military, dependents, and authorized civilians, and one point for members of Italian Service Units and prisoners of war. Each point will permit card holders to buy three packages of cigarettes, or 12 cigars, or two ounces of smoking tobacco.

The ration week will begin at 0001 hours on Sunday and end at 2400 hours on Saturday. Points are valid only in designated ration weeks and expire if not used during prescribed period. The long training experienced in the handling of ration coupons for gasoline and meats and certain foods wil come in handy with the introduction of the ration cards for tobacco.

Here at Letterman the cards will be issued to permanent personnel during the week 27 May—2 June and every patient received at this hospital will also be issued a card. The cards will be valid at any military or naval installation.

The men or women who prefer "eating" tobacco, or like to snuff are not affected by the new order.

MEDICS VERY MUCH ON THE JOB FOR THIS PARATROOPER

More than one man's share of a day's experiences for a Parachute Infantryman befell Sergeant Verne J. Geurs, 22, of 603 Hermosa Avenue, Redondo Beach, California when he jumped into combat on Corregidor a few weeks ago.

Cataloging them in rough chronological order, as he related them at Letterman there were:

A gashed leg as he hit the ground among torn-up concrete emplacements on the island fortress.

Poor enemy sharpshooting at him from less than 10 yards away as company medical aid men who had jumped with him dressed his injured leg.

Two dead Japs, less than 10 yards away, killed by Sergeant Geurs' hand grenades.

A Jap grenade explosion which broke a bone in his other foot and left a severe cut on the foot.

Crawling 20 yards, alone, except for bullets of a Jap rifleman.

Seeing a medical aid man shot through the forehead as he bandaged the broken foot.

Another 150-yard trip on the back of a "medic" who was a special buddy.

Then, as anticlimax, a Jap hiding in an enemy officers' barracks used as an aid station, was killed after Sergeant Geurs was brought in as a patient.

"When I hit the ground that morning," the good-looking Southern California Infantryman related, "I hit like a ton of bricks."

His unit, 503d Parachute Infantry Regiment, he explained, jumps with most of its equipment on the men's backs, and he was carrying half of the machinegun on which he was gunner.

"I got a pretty nasty cut on my leg from a jagged piece of concrete," he went on, "and I made for a group of medics I saw a little distance away.

"They dressed my leg and we were standing there for a minute or so shooting the breeze. One of the medics had just said, 'We may as well all go up to the aid station," when I looked up and saw two Nips about 20 feet from us. One didn't have a rifle, and he was nudging the other one who did, jabbering and pointing straight at me.

"We had all hit the ground before he started shooting, and his bullets were over my head. If he had shot from the hip, as we are trained to do, he probably would have killed me. But he took time to raise his rifle to his shoulder and aim.

"A flock of hand grenades came over on us then, but they were little concussion grenades and didn't hurt a soul.

"In the meantime, I unloaded three hand grenades, and they killed both of the Japs when I threw them. We all lay there, keeping cover, for a while, and a few minutes later, Japs from behind a bunker over at one side of us started lobbing grenades at us.

"I rolled over and tried to get away from the one I saw bouncing toward me, but it managed to end right against my foot when it went off."

His 200-yard crawl, to where another medical aid man gave him a shot of morphine and a promise to return with help, required two hours.

Overhead he saw more transport planes dip and glide in over the island to unload another battalion of his regiment.

"It was after noon then," he said. "After that medic gave me a shot of morphine he was never able to get back to me. I never saw him again. Two other medics came along an hour or so later, though, and stopped to help me.

"One of them said, 'We'd better get you out of here.' He bent over and started working on my foot. I warned him that a Jap had been sniping at me, but he laughed. 'When my number's up, my number's up,' he said, and he hardly got the words out of his mouth when he fell across me with a bullet through his forehead."

It was 4 p.m., the sergeant said, before he finally arrived at his aid station. Crawling farther along a hillside by himself, he was discovered by another medical aid man.

"He was a fellow I had buddied with some," he continued. "Although he is just a little guy, he got me on his back and ran most of the last 150 yards with me.

"While I was being treated in the aid station, somebody yelled, 'There's a Jap under the stairs.' He made a break for it and got as far as the door before several men opened up on him."

Sergeant Geurs, who joined the 503d Parachute Infantry overseas last fall, received his basic training with the 11th Airborne Infantry Division at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, with later paratroop training at Fort Benning, Georgia. His decorations include the Purple Heart and the Philippine Liberation ribbon, the latter awarded by a grateful government of the Philippine Commonwealth to the men who had a part in ousting the Japs.

Before entering the service two years ago, he was a sporting goods and automobile supplies salesman in Hollywood, California. His mother, Mrs. Gertrude Geurs, lives at the Hermosa Avenue address in Redondo Beach.



Sergeant Verne J. Geurs, 22-year-old Parachute Infantryman machine gunner from Redondo Beach, California, has been returned to the United States for treatment of wounds received in action on Corregidor. Injured as he reached the ground among the first men to return to the Manila Bay fortress, he was wounded by an enemy hand grenade a few minutes later—but after he had killed two Japs with his own hand grenades.

Fewer Fires

Property losses by fire at Ninth Service Command installations in the west during the first nine months of the 1944-45 fiscal year decreased $4,502,877 over the previous fiscal period, Major Feneral William E. Shedd, commanding general, announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Blaze damage to governmental structures at posts, camps and stations between July 1, 1944 and March 1, 1945, totalled only $133,964. The figure is the lowest in the nation, reports from other Army service commands disclosed.

The fire prevention and safety branch of the command's Engineer office attributed the 97 per cent reduction in property losses to an intensified fire prevention program which was inaugurated last year.

Cigarettes, over-heated stoves and gas and oil were the three major causes of fires at installations, it was reported.

General Chienshih, Letterman Patient, Talks About China

In concise, measured sentences interspersed with frequent smiles, Lieutenant General Tu Chienshih of the Chinese Army, in an interview last Sunday, touched upon aspects of the Asiatic war, China's postwar economy and the United Nations conference, to which he is a delegate. General Chienshih entered Letterman hospital for treatment May 17.

The 38-year-old Chinese general was in the United States once before, for a year's training from 1937 to 1938, when he attended general staff military school at Leavenworth, Kansas. He apologizes, smilingly, for his imperfect English, but listeners, hearing his unhurried, even phrases, rarely have difficulty understanding him.

Sitting beside the table in his hospital room, General Chienshih with gestures described Chinese troops as attacking now while the Japanese enemy, driven back, begins to wish for peace.

"Japs want peace; we don't want it," declared the officer shaking his head decisively. "If we make peace with the Japs, 10 or 20 years later they'll fight again."

Advocating complete defeat of the enemy, he described the conquered Japanese as having "no arms, no troops, no air forces."

"He stays in the main island, can not fight," he continued. "We take back Korea, Manchuria. The Japanese has only his own land."

Industrialization will be the "first important thing" to happen in China after the war and importation of machinery will be necessary to accomplish it, according to the Chinese general.

Centering of population in great cities, as in western civilization, with mass movements from the rural areas was not seen by General Chienshih, however. Machinery would not be abundant enough to replace much field labor and many farmerss will be required to feed the industriial workers.

Referrring to the divisions of the internattional organization now being plannedl, the Chinese officer noted the security council, the instrument of peacee enforcement, as the most importaint and in turn attributed its success to the amount of strength with which it is endowed.

"If it remains strong, we can get peace," he said gravely. "If not, we cannot get peace."

In reviewing Japan's rapidly dimming hopes of conquering China, defeating the United States and controlling Russia and the Pacific area, the general declared that underestimation of China and America had blasted these dreams.

Completion of the war, General Chienshih believes, will take at least a year, perhaps 14 months.

CASH AWARDS FOR GOOD IDEAS



Major LESLIE D. SNYDER

Director of Personnel, handing cash awards to Mrs. Jeanette Gardiner and Mrs. Lancie G. Rose for idea to improve office efficiency.

Two civilian hospital employees, Mrs. Lenice G. Rose and Mrs. Jeanette Gardiner, Thursday morning received cash awards and the congratulations of Major Leslie D. Snyder, MAC, director of the Personnel Division, for suggestions designed to heighten efficiency and save manhours at Leterman.

Presentation of the awards was made in the director's office and was attended by 1st Lt. George J. Kaplan, AUS, and 2nd Lt. Karl A. Gertenhouse, MAC, members of the suggestion committee which considers all ideas submitted.

Mrs. Rose, who works in the Civilian Personnel Branch, devised a more accessible job-card arrangement which will save her division approximately 300 manhours a year while Mrs. Gardiner, who works in the sick and wounded office will save approximately 185 manhours a year for her department with an improved method of handling clinical records. For their suggestion Mrs. Rose received a $10 check and Mrs. Gardiner a $7.50 check.

Suggestions resulting in greater economy or improved administration of the War Department may merit these cash awards which range from $5 to $250, or up to 5 per cent of the savings made possible by the suggestions as long as the award does not exceed $250.

The nation-wide award program affects all installations of the War Department with 500 or more military and civilian personnel.

Secretary of the suggestion committee makes weekly collections of ideas which come in by mail, through suggestion boxes or are offered in person by the originator.

Following preliminary checks to see that ideas are correctly submitted and that there are no duplications, the committee on suggestions, including technical experts if they are needed, passes judgment.

Once a suggestion is revealed to have merit and savings value, it is submitted to the post commander with information on estimated savings in man hours, equipment and dollars and with a recommendation for the amount or kind of award to be made.

MAC Officers Named In Two Awards for Gallantry in Action

Typical illustrations of the heroic part being played by Medical Administrative corps officers in this war is found in the recent citations which name Lt. Paul E. Kerkhoff and Lt. Allen E. Meeks for their gallant actions under fire.

Lt. Kerkhoff of Cincinnati, Ohio, was awarded the Silver Star for his heroism with the 45th armored medical battalion of the 3rd armored division during the Ardennes breakthrough in December. One ambulance was knocked out and the medical supply trucks were isolated. Lt. Kerkhoff organized a group that went through heavy fire to rescue the trucks which contained such valuable life-saving cargo.

Lt. Meeks of San Bernardino, Calif., was recently awarded the Bronze Star for his service as assistant battalion surgeon. "In many instances," the citation reads, "this diligent officer risked his life in evacuating the wounded while exposed to heavy, small arms, mortar and artillery fire. His aggressive, energetic actions and untiring devotion to duty saved the lives of many men."

Similar stories are heard on every front where Medical Administrative corps officers or MACs are doing a valiant and vital job, frequently under heavy fire. The work of the MACs is not restricted to the combat zones, however, for they handle administrative work in almost every phase of the Medical Department's activities, thereby permitting doctors to confine most of their activities to professional duties.

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Ignorance

Today on the west coast, as reports of violence against Japanese-Americans pour in, persons possessing a retentive memory will think back to last November when, over the Army News Service, came a report from France.

The report described how the "lost battalion" in the Saint Dies area was rescued by American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought their way through to the trapped men.

At the same time the news service sent an item, datelined Poston, Ariz., which told how a crippled AJA, American of Japanese ancestry, was ejected from a barbershop because the proprietor didn't like his ancestry.

The action of these ignorant Americans brings shame to all of us. This ignorance is dangerous.

We don't make war on people because of the color of their skin, or hair, or the shape of their faces, or the nationality of their fathers and mothers.

We fight for an idea.

And we fight against an idea.

We kill fascists because it's our idea that people from every race, and of every tongue should keep on living in our country as good neighbors.

We kill fascists because they think their race or blood makes them better than other people.

We fight for our idea because it is the cement that holds democracy together. We fight against the fascist idea because it is the poison that holds our enemies together.

GIs know that the only difference between our enemies and our friends is what goes on in their minds.



Seventeen of Letterman's nurses jumped from second to first lieutenant this week as promotions were announced, and First Lieutenant Alice M. Curto, assistant to the chief of nurses, was raised to the rank of captain.

Promoted from second to first lieutenant were Lois R. Bock, Dorothy B. Bagley, Helen Gribble, Ruth A. Edwards, Florence E. Boyles, Betty Lou S. Gurley, Ruth E. Enarson, Leonore W. Keyes, Audrey F. Kent, Mary Elizabeth West, Mildred L. Phillips, Lydia H. Tindell, Mary B. Masker, Kathryn R. Monson, Juanita M. Pregibon, Myrtle E. Elkins and Helen M. Smith.

Letterman welcomed seven more nurses this week, four of them from the Pasadena, Calif., regional hospital, two from Madigan General hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash. and a lone representative of Camp White, Ore.

Second Lieutenant Helen B. Clark of Iowa City, Iowa, was an operating room nurse before she entered the Army May 5, 1942, at Camp Cooke, Calif. From April 1943 to June 1944 she served in Africa and from there went to Italy where she earned a battle star in the Rome-Arno sector. Lieutenant Clark returned to the United States and was assigned to Pasadena before coming to Letterman.

Second Lieutenant Dorcas A. Barondes, who was born in Newfoundland but now considers San Francisco her home, took her training at White hospital, Sacramento, and before entering the Army in July, 1943, was a floor nursing supervisor. She also ran a blood donor center in Los Angeles for a time. For two years, until last January, Lieutenant Barondes was stationed in England and she holds the Army-Navy efficiency pin. Her husband, a retired major, lives in San Francisco and they have two sons, one at West Point and the other at Annapolis. Lieutenant Barondes is also from Pasadena.

Returned to the states in December from the Southwest Pacific where she had been since February, Second Lieutenant Eloise Ennis was stationed first at Pasadena and now at Letterman. She trained at the Memorial hospital school of nursing in Greenview, Ill., her home town, and entered the Army in July, 1943.

Born in St. Paul, Minn., Lieutenant Lorraine V. Matzke has been in four hospitals in the United States besides serving in England since her entrance into the Army March 30, 1943. Her domestic stations include Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Camp Gordon, Ga. and O'Reilly General, Springfield, Mo., besides Letterman.

A newcomer to the Army is Second Lieutenant Fern M. Schade who joined the nurse corps April 13 and took her basic at Madigan General. Besides doing private duty nursing before entering the Army, Lieutenant Schade was a school nurse in Phoenix, Ariz., 14 years.

Second Lieutenant Frances E. Dodge is the other representative of Madigan General and from Camp White comes Second Lieutenant Eleanor K. Kerr.

First Lieutenant Elizabeth E. Foster, gone for awhile, is back on duty again.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The Service Command Commanding General, Major General **William E. Shedd,** here for an inspection of our construction activities.

Mr. **Jarrett White,** supervising architect, division of hospital construction, office of the Surgeon General, renewing old acquaintances and casting a professional eye on our building needs.

Colonel **James W. Duckworth** getting ready for that trip to Washington so long deferred.

Staff Sgt. **"Bob" Bement** once again in his element with the opening of the soft ball season.

Captain **Willard S. Calden** and Karene Bernadetta over to the post for the first time for a christening ceremony.

Cpl. **Rene Iaccomini** bringing his Karene Bernadetta over to the post for the first time for a christening ceremony.

The ten cent cuppa coffee rearing its ugly head in our PX Grill.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, May 27, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Medics Will Stay Says General Kirk To Finish The Job

The ending of hostilities in Europe means that the doctors, nurses, technicians and other personnel who comprise the Army Medical department will now begin an even bigger job than they have been doing which means there is no immediate prospect for the general release of personnel, Major General Norman T. Kirk, the surgeon general, declared on V-E Day.

The Medical department, he pointed out, not only must continue to care for the sick and wounded but must make immediate preparations for the redeployment of troops to the Pacific or this country.

One of the biggest tasks will be to give physical examinations to some 3,500,000 soldiers before they leave Europe. In addition, a goal of 90 days has been set in which to evacuate the sick and wounded from the European theater to this country. Then there will be the final matter of redeploying the Medical department personnel and equipment.

Soldiers whose condition necessitates a medical discharge will be screened for tuberculosis, syphilis and other diseases, and for possible strains and other physical defects. Thus hospitals here will probably be operating at capacity with a critical need for medical personnel for many months to come.

"Practically all officers and men in the Medical department came in for the emergency," said the surgeon general, "and so far as we are concerned, the emergency is far from being over."

WAC OF THE WEEK



BLANCHE TINNERHOLM
Corporal

Corporal Blanche Tinnerholm, looking very chic in her summer uniform, (the uniform which has placed members of the WAC in the category of being "the best dressed women in America,") sat in our office and responded to questions about her background, responses given with a delightful French accent we noted.

Corporal Tinnerholm tells us that she was born in Paris, France. She received her education in Paris at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, University of Paris, and the Sorbornne University, one of the most advanced universities in Europe, followed by two years of education in a private school in Switzerland.

Corporal Tinnerholm has traveled extensively in Europe, Moracco, Africa and Mexico, and is truly what we might call a cosmopolite.

In 1936 she became instructor of French at the Russel Sage College, Troy, New York, and Director of the French House. During her seven year stay at the college she was active in community projects.

Granted a leave of absence from Russel Sage College in May of 1943, Corporal Tinnerholm enlisted in the WAAC hoping for overseas duty as an interpretor. Her basic training was taken at Fort Devens, Massachussets, and her first assignment was to Camp White, Oregon, where she was in charge of the library for fourteen months and language classes for nine months.

Her next assignment took her to the Santa Barbara Redistribution Center for six months, where she again was assigned to the library and placed in charge of training librarians. In March of this year, Cpl. Tinnerholm came to Letterman. She now works in the Dante Annex Library, and is assigned to the Information and Education Office.

Army Rations Tobacco in U.S.; Sends Most Smokes Abroad

The War Department has adopted a new policy governing allocation and distribution of the Army's share of the nation's tobacco supply among installations within the continental U. S. and in overseas theaters, according to WD circular 135, May 5, 1945.

Under the new policy, which will be placed in effect in the continental U. S. June 3, 1945, and in overseas theaters (including the Northwest Service Command) June 1, 1945:

(1) Military personnel within the continental U. S., civilians authorized by law and regulations to purchase supplies at Army installations, and not more than one adult dependent of each (who also must be authorized to purchase from a sales commissary) will receive a ration which will permit purchase of 6 packages of cigarets, or 24 cigars or 4 ounces of smoking tobacco per week.

(2) Prisoners of War and members of Italian Service Units within the continental U. S. will receive ration points sufficient to purchase 3 packages of cigarets, or 12 cigars or 2 ounces of tobacco per week. However, PWs will not be permitted to buy cigars or cigarets, and must use their ration points for smoking tobacco.

(3) Personnel being prepared for overseas service at replacement depots and staging areas, patients in regional and general hospitals, and personnel returned from overseas service at staging areas and distribution stations will be permitted to purchase 10 packs of cigarets, or 32 cigars or 8 ounces of smoking tobacco per week. This does not include operating personnel at those installations.

(4) Sale of tobacco products to military personnel aboard troop transports will be ration free and in accordance with present procedures.

Overseas, tobacco will not be rationed, but shipments will be made to theaters based upon a consumption of 25 cigarets per day for Army personnel and Navy personnel subsisted by the Army; 20 cigarets per day for American civilian personnel subsisted by the Army and for Filipino troops (except laborers and guerrillas who will be supplied from local resources only), and 10 cigarets per day for other national groups subsisted by the Army and Italian service units. PWs overseas will be supplied smoking tobacco and papers.

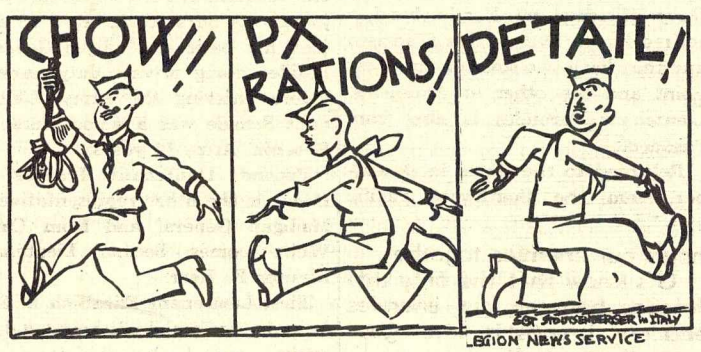
Within the continental U. S., 4 types of ration cards will be distributed: an orange (M) card for military and their dependents; a green (C) card for civilians and their dependents who buy at Army posts; a pink (S) card for members of Italian service units and a buff (P) card for PWs.

An initial supply of tobacco ration cards will be distributed on or about May 20 to all class I, II, IV and special installations on the basis of military strength, number of PWs, and on the basis of estimated requirements for authorized civilian purchasers by appropriate adjutant general depots.

Class III installations will receive their supply from publications distribution branches of Area Air Service Command depots on the same basis.

One ration card will be issued to (1) each member of the Army, (2) each civilian authorized by law and regulations to purchase subsistence stores or other quartermaster supplies and to purchase at Army exchanges, (3) a card to the dependent adult member of the family of military or civilian personnel when such dependent is permitted to purchase from a sales commissary, provided that not more than one such dependent card will be issued to any one family, (4) a card to each PW and each member of Italian service units.

The period May 27 through June 2, 1945, has been designated as the "initial issue period." During this period, a card will be issued on application of eligible purchasers.



ON THE SPOT



FRANK W. WILLIAMS
Private First Class

As riflemen of his 24th Infantry Division rifle company closed in on enemy positions on an adjacent hill, Japs began to direct their fire at the machinegun manned by Private First Class Frank W. Williams, of Yuba City, California.

The young machinegunner told of the afternoon, during an interview at Letterman, where he awaited transfer to Hammond General hospital at Modesto, California.

"There had been similar situations," he said, "during weeks of fighting on Leyte, but the job our company had begun the previous day was a particularly grim one. It wasn't much of a hill, but the enemy was using his cover well and was strongly dug in.

"We had pulled back after one try the day before," related Private Williams, a slender good-looking young man of 20, "but the attack in which I was wounded was carrying up the hill.

"My machinegun was emplaced on a lower hill, two or three hundred yards from the one the riflemen were assaulting. I had been firing over their heads into where the Jap fire was coming from. For a couple of minutes I had ceased firing, and I'd just started up again when a rifle bullet got me."

Hit through the left thigh, he began crawling to the rear to put the protection of the hill between himself and the Japs.

"Bullets kicked up dirt around me as I started to crawl," he said.

He threw the covers of his hospital bed back and showed a scar on his left heel:

"That's how close they came while I was getting out. That bullet went in the side of my shoe and nicked me there on the heel."

Private Williams has spent 15 months of his two Army years in the Pacific.

WAC

"Everything comes straight home! Bring it right into home plate," yells the man in tilted visor cap, and out on the ball field 14 WACs in HBT's, the green coveralls and an occasional wool plaid shirt become quickly alert.

There isn't much talking during the Letterman WAC softball practice and there isn't any giggling. S/Sgt. Robert Bement of special services, and the other ball fans who come out to help him, sling the balls and the girls catch them. They're not tea parties, these practice periods and the team saves its conversation for the ride home in the Army truck and for barracks gossiping afterwards.

The team has been in existence about two weeks and May 30 the first game is scheduled. It will be a tug of war with the WACs at Hamilton Field.

Sgt. Bement is confident; he grins at his team and says he's sure they will be "one of the most promising in the Ninth Service Command league."

The girls are wary of compliments. They warn him not to expect too much right away; remember, the other teams have been smashing balls a lot longer than we have.

But they look determined as they go back to the field, spread out, watch closely for the sergeant's swift ball. Across the field, and half a block down, echoes, "All right, take it to first and get it home. That's right. Atta gal."

The WAC company, which began moving in almost two and a half months ago, is today just about a hair's breadth from being one third of its assigned total strength.

Arrival of the newest group of 15 technicians and clerical workers Wednesday brings the total count to 90. When the whole detachment of 300 is here, it will consist of three medical units, 100 members apiece.

The newest group includes 12 technicians just finished with six weeks' medical training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., who will begin their month's on-the-job training Monday. The remainder are three clerical workers just out of administrative school. Next Wednesday's group of 15 will be divided, according to jobs, the same way.

WANDERING WAC WISTFULLY WISHES FOR WORLD WIDE WORKING WAYS



Captain EVE YOST, WAC
Assistant to the Control Officer

For a WAC officer who likes to travel, assignments in six different states in less than three years doesn't seem to make a record but Captain Eva B. Yost, the control officer's blonde assistant, insists she hasn't been any place.

"It might be a lot of traveling in peace time, but not when you see all these service ribbons and battle stars," she says.

Captain Yost was among the WAAC's first members, entering the auxiliary as an officer candidate Aug. 5, 1942. She enlisted from Des Moines, where for three years she had been working for an oil company, and remained in the Iowa city for her basic training.

Since then the attractive WAC officer has been in Baltimore, Md.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Camp Polk, La.; Camp Gordon, Ga.; Camp White, Ore., and Santa Barbara, Calif. She came to Letterman April 30.

Camp White takes the prize as far as surrounding countryside is concerned, Captain Yost asserts. Enthusiastically she speaks of Crater Lake, the mountains, the vegetation.

At Camp White she indulged in one of her favorite activities, bicycle riding, and she is thinking of continuing the sport here although she wonders "If I could pedal up some of these hills."

Along with a diversity of stations, Captain Yost has had a variety of jobs, among them WAC detachment commander, supply officer and raid clerk in the air warning service and assistant director of operations for Army ground and service forces redistribution centers.

She speaks of the latter job, which she held at Camp White and Santa Barbara, with enthusiasm. Overseas veterans and nurses, following their furloughs, are returned to the centers for reassignment and while there have an opportunity for consultation on personal problems.

Captain Yost describes the personal contact with the returned men and women as interesting and the work itself as satisfying.

The WAC captain, whose parents live in Lincoln, Nebr., attended the state university and later worked in Seward, Nebr., finally leaving her home state for Iowa. Even with her pre-war and war time roving, Captain Yost asserts that she has led a quite uneventful life, but at present she says she is glad to be settled "for the next few months at least."

Men relatives leaving and returning to the United States are responsible for most of the WAC furloughs these days. Private Inez Fox is visiting with her son at their home in Price, Utah, before he goes across and Cpl. Jean Welch is home in Santa Rosa welcoming her brother back from overseas.

DANTE ANTICS

Congratulations to our Sergeant-Major! He hit the packpot last week, getting a two-column feature story and his photo in the Fog Horn and received his long-worked-for promotion—it's now Staff Sergeant **Vincent R. Cellucci.**

Our detachment has lost three men on over-age discharges. T/4th Gr. **Charles Hicks,** T/5th Gr. **Charles A. Fay, Jr.** and Pfc. **Lewis Ackerman** all received their orders transferring them to Camp Beale for processing through the separation center there.

Pfc. **Donald Knoefler** has good reason to be proud this week for Mrs. Knoefler presented him with a fine 7¾ pound baby boy.

Wedding bells will soon ring out for two members of our unit. Sgt. **Leonard H. Simmons** will soon leave on furlough for Washington, D. C., where he will join the ranks of the benedicts. Pfc. **Robert E. Boyett,** who is to be married here on June 3, is sweating out an application for furlough so he can take his bride to his home in Louisiana.

The Information and Education Office and the War Bonds and Insurance office has been moved from the first floor of Dante to the former Officers' Solarium in the Vallejo street wing of the hospital.

The war bond drive is well under way at Dante with the "ticket agents" or team captains actively promoting sales throughout the personnel. Thus far the honor of the largest purchase goes to Sgt. **Sophia Howard,** WAC, of the Sergeant-Major's office who opened the drive with the purchase of a $1,000 bond.

1960

1960 SCU welcomes newly assigned officers, Capt. I. Frey, 1st Lt.'s A. C. Buckey, M. J. Clupny, E. M. McCausland, A. M. Rattigan and 2nd Lts. V. P. Carson, E. B. Foster, M. C. Gordon, V. Hampton, M. Hansen, J. Headley, J. C. Hodas, A. M. Kovar, D. Medman, M. M. Michels, J. Mundt, E. N. Musselman, L. Nahas, D. Nerbas, C. Salazar, D. Skelley, M. F. Steuard, M. Sulik, S. Viles, M. Vivian, C. Zadra, L. Cricco, D. Griffin, C. Lakemeyer, M. L. Thompson, and C. Wilson all of the Army Nurse Corps.

Miss Donna Decker, our attractive chief of Civilian Personnel is sporting a new ring and on the proper finger. Lucky man T/Sgt. Foulger Birdseye.

The following named Nurses received promotions during the past week. From 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt. Congratulations: Adrienne Mickelson, Viola Culley, Pauline Dutton, Blanche G. Collins, Eva K. Ordway, Reba M. Grimes.

Pvt. George Johnson says it is much easier to smile now that he has his new front choppers. Keep smiling George.

Cpl. James Jackson, 1960's Band Master, says—it is easy to get all wrapped up in music. The other day, he went down town to buy a sousaphone, tried it on and couldn't get it off. Suggestion—more music and less food, Jack.

1960 welcomes Velma L. Randolph. Velma hails from Sallisaw, Oklahoma, she says she hopes to stay a long time. The Sergeant-Major's Office hopes she does also.

Joyce E. Bennett, of 1960 Headquarters, formerly associated with Post Headquarters, is a permanent Civil Service Employee. Joyce is leaving us for a few months to visit her parents, in Allience, Nebraska. Her mother is ill, and she is going down to take care of her. Incidently, we are going to miss Joyce very much, and hope her mom gets well soon so that she can come back to us.

Every now and then someone from 1960 uncovers a celebrity. Perhaps some of you GIs have noticed a very attractive girl driving one of our vehicles. Her name is Mary Anderson, she became famous in the Roller Derby. Mary was considered one of the fastest gals on rollerskates.

NEW STAFF SERGEANT RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS ON ALL SIDES



Staff Sgt. JOHN W. DEAN, Jr.

With so many promotions coming our way these days it is a delicate matter to select anyone for particular mention but no one will object to singling out Staff Sergeant John William Dean, Jr., for a spot in the limelight. His advancement was received with much satisfaction in the command.

Sgt. Dean was born in Escanaba, Mich., moved on to Kansas City where he lived until graduation from high school, and then he came west to the Golden State. It was here that he underwent induction in February, 1941, checking in at Monterey, and coming to Letterman for his first and only assignment a week later.

The recruit was first placed on ward duty for four months and soon caught the eye of the Chief of Hospital Police and Personnel. For the past four years he has been in the office of P & P and has advanced from private to staff sergeant in that period.

Dean is a hard worker and thoroughly dependable under all conditions. His job is to find that extra man in an emergency, to locate wanted equipment, to answer all calls for information on the disposition of the men working under his office and some of the problems he faces in stretching men to cover all the work could find mention in Ripley's column any time. It is said that he has everything under control at all times except Sgt. Kuntz' pipe, especially after a bowling match in which the big chief rolls nothing but "spares" all evening. When asked about that Dean told our interviewer, "Well, the boss is all right most of the time and I guess we can stand the pipe as a token of our regard for him."

That will give you an idea of Dean's even disposition. Nothing rattles him and his only rival in that respect is the corporal in the office, appropriately named Patience. Plenty of that is needed and the P & P non coms have it.

In February 1942 Sergeant Dean was married to Miss Evelyn Thomas of Petaluma. They have no children.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: S/Sgts. Leonard P. Bell and Jack LaVelle, appointed T/Sgt.; Sgt. Robert J. Bement, Vincent R. Cellucci and Edward C. Vicary, appointed S/Sgt.; Cpls. Robert L. Colvig, Ward L. Schmidt, Philip H. Bryant, Walter G. Hullen, Scott G. Ross and T/5s John W. Ranson, Manuel R. Freitas, Charles A. Thorpe, Dale C. Kauffman and James E. Lewis, appointed Sgt.; Pvts. Robert S. Dotseth, Willis S. Evans, Paul Wayne, Ralph I. Goodell, Angelo J. Rossi, Joseph L. Bianchini, Rene C. Iiacomini, Arthur F. Mahoney and Theodore H. Otterstetter, appointed Cpl.; Pvts. Nelson Tonelli and Robert B. George, appointed T/5th Gr.

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The lucky GIs to be off to their homes on furlough during the past week were: Sgt. Charles A. Thorpe, with 30 days; Pvt. Frederick D. Evans, with 25 days; Sgt. Norman R. Ross, Pvts. George J. Horsley and Leroy M. Shupe, each with 23 days; T/5th Gr. Stanley L. Bukowski, Pvts. Daniel B. Meaders and Jordan D. Fowler, each with 21 days; T/4th Gr. Michael Temer, with 17 days; T/4th Gr. Oren A. Fuller and T/5th Gr. Edwin L. Stockton, each with 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl. Elias Tamey being bitten by the horse racing bug and learning that it doesn't pay to play more than one horse in a race.

Sgt. Joseph Sansone and crew changing the interior of the message center so they will be able to handle Special Orders faster.

Sgt. Harry Ponerantz seen for the first time in a Fatigue uniform and looking a little thinner than in whites.

Cpl. Gordon L. Lockwood back on duty after spending fifteen enjoyable days in his home town of Portland.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz preparing his bowling team for a new tournament and hoping to do better than they did in the General Kell's League at Fort Mason.

T/Sgt. Vaughn Yoemans now being hailed as the number one billiard player at Letterman after beating the top ranking players.

CIVIL CIRCLES

The civilians at Letterman were so busy this week that news was at a minimum. In the Information Office, Marjorie Jones was dispensing information with dispatch and alacrity. She hesitated in her duties for a fraction of a second to tell us that everyone in the office has been working like fury. Then, visitors began to arrive and the telephones jingled. Marj was swallowed up in the confusion and we haven't seen her since. We met Maud Crumley on the ramp and she had the same story to tell of her activities. In passing, she gasped, "We're swamped!" and was on her way. This performance was repeated by everyone we approached.

Undaunted, we delved into research and uncovered some facts on the War Bond Drive. The latest returns show that the minutemen Lillian Jones, Dental Branch, Bill Gruening, Hospital Police, Helen Jensen, Statistical Section, Al Janovitz, Civilian Guards and Zita Kelly from the War Bond Office are in the lead. Al, not content with doing more than his share here at LGH, is also selling bonds for his home district, San Mateo. Zita Kelly is waging her own type of Guerilla Warfare and has sold $4,600 worth of bonds in one week. Such patriotic verve deserves our enthusiastic congratulations!

We then jaunted down to the Laundry, but all noses were to the grindstone. Josephine Repath was dashing around with her hands full of important looking papers and purposely trying to avoid us. We grabbed her by the arm and distracted her from her duties long enough to learn that Ethel Holm and Lurline Dolby are on leave. They're complying with the government request not to travel unless it is essential. By spending their vacations at home, they plan to rest and build themselves up in order to be in top notch form for their return to work.

Elise Gardner from the Registrar's Office is vacationing with her mother in San Diego and will be back with us next week.

We expect Dorothy Mix back on Monday. Her husband has arrived in the city and she is on leave.

We, too, will be back next week with the business from the busy bees.

BROTHERS MEET AT LETTERMAN

Pfc. William A. Zahnter, Okinawa veteran, and Pfc. Roland F. Zahnter, just back from Hawaii, will probably always have a very special affection for Letterman's East Hospital mess hall.

For it was at the door of the mess hall Monday morning, as William was going in for breakfast and Roland was coming out, that the brothers met, the first time since another chance meeting at Camp Beale last April when both were waiting to go overseas.

They had gone overseas, Roland to Hawaii and, three weeks later, William to the Pacific where he has been with the infantry on Leyte, the Philippines and Okinawa. A gunshot wound in his right elbow returned him to San Francisco where he arrived Thursday and Roland followed him Sunday morning.

Neither brother knew of the other's arrival. William, on the way home, thought Roland was still in Hawaii and wished his ship would dock but it steamed by.

The brothers, both of whom entered the Army two years ago from their home in arden City, Kan., looked at each other and grinned, when questioned about their reunion. "I didn't know what to say," William said.

"We were surprised," Roland understated the situation.

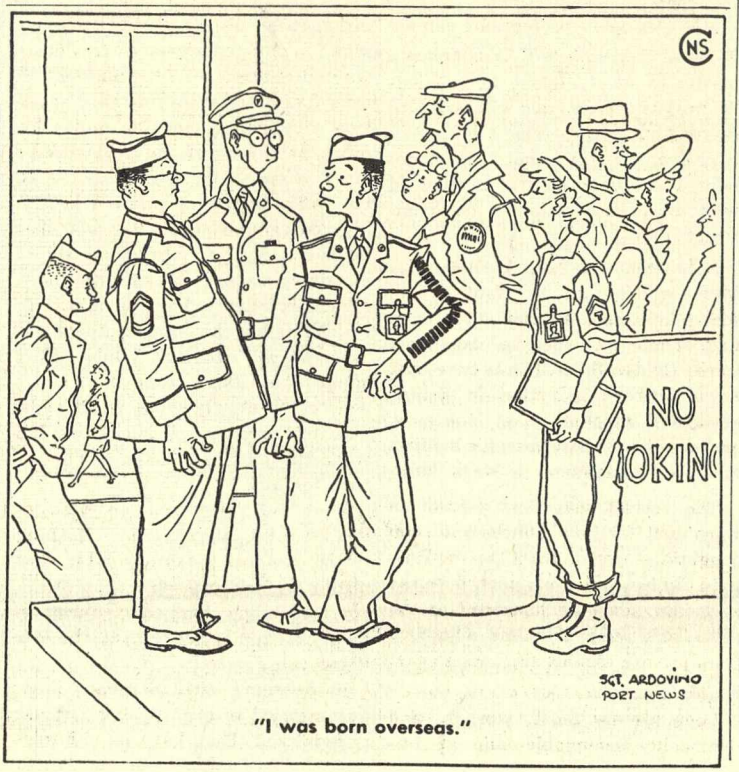
William was scheduled to leave Tuesday for Santa Fe, N. M., for medical treatment while Roland was still awaiting orders. The boys are looking forward to the time they can be reunited, by plan and not by chance, in Kansas with their mother, Mrs. Anna L. Smith.

POW Mail Halted

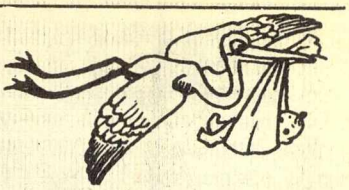
All mail addressed to American and Allied prisoners of war has been halted in transit because of the breakdown of Germany's mail distribution system. Such mail is therefore being returned to the senders in this country. The rapid evacuation of liberated POWs continues uninterrupted and Americans released from German camps will be returned to this country as fast as possible.

ATC Still Working

One of the biggest jobs facing the Air Transport Command of the AAF is the task of transferring American fighting men from the ETO to the Pacific war theaters. Thousands of troops will be flown directly to the Pacific while others will be brought home for furloughs before returning to the battle fronts. ATC planes will continue to play an important role in supplying troops remaining in Europe.



"I was born overseas."



To Sgt. and Mrs. **Warren C. Keller** a daughter, Pamela Jean; born 14 May; weight 7 pounds 8½ ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Samuel Fickle** a daughter Donna Lynn; born 14 May; weight 6 pounds ½ ounce.

To Major and Mrs. **John K. Linehan** a son, John Royal; born 15 May; weight 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Martin P. Maher** a daughter, Mary Ann; born 15 May; weight 9 pounds 1½ ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Paul M. Snyder** a daughter, Carey Lee; born 15 May; weight 6 pounds.

To Capt and Mrs. **Walter H. Dorn** a daughter, Gerald Kevin; born 16 May; weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To WO and Mrs. **Frederick Welch** a daughter, Pamela; born 17 May; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Martin H. Wikierak** a daughter, Marlyn Kaye; born 17 May; weight 7 pounds 13 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Albert E. Munson** a son, Robert Ray; born 18 May; weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Donald J. Kneoffler** a son; born 19 May; weight 7 pounds 13½ ounces.

To Col. and Mrs. **John R. Copehaver** a son, Thomas Eugene; born 19 May; weight 8 pounds 13 ounces.

News From Home

Staten Island, N. Y. (CNS)— Missing from the Snug Harbor Sailors' Home here was Ancient Mariner William Samuel Clark, aged 100. Found strolling around Manhattan's sailor's haunts 10 days after his disappearance was Mariner Clark, nattily attired in his sea coat. Fortified with $100 he won in a radio program, he had left Snug Harbor unobtrusively, ferried to New York, visited his old sailor haunts, swapped yarns with modern merchant seamen, visited the museums and movies, and — when his money was spent—attempted to go to sea again. Broke again, but happy, he's back at Snug Harbor now.

Salinas, Cal (CNS) — "I don't like these tortillas," complained Jose Iago, a local citizen, after devouring a tin of the stuff at a local chili joint. "And I won't pay for them." He started to leave but was detained by the proprietor, who hit him with a chair, then with a frying pan, and finally trod on his face. In court the next day, the proprietor paid $5 for assault and Jose paid 25 cents—for the tortillas.

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Letterman War Bond Auction Reaches $17,000 in Sales

War bond sales spurted by leaps and bounds to more than $17,000, cost value, last Saturday afternoon at the post-sponsored bond auction, as Letterman civilians, military personnel and San Franciscans outbid each other for a tableful of war rarities.

Charles "Scotty" Butterworth of San Francisco, veteran auctioneer, spiritedly spurred on bidders, gathered for the auction in the corner of the patio, while from open surrounding windows patients watched proceedings with interest and conversation.

When the last item had been auctioned, the finance office announced that savings of $17,603.25 had been converted into war bonds. Lieutenant William R. Moody, war bond officer, remarked that the sale was two and a half times more successful financially than the previous auction last December which netted between $6,000 and $7,000.

Among bidders' voices the most recurrent was that of Jules Charbneau of Fort Mason who raised it frequently enough to purchase $7,700 worth of war bonds. His most expensive bids included a pen for $1,400, an alarm clock for $1,100 and liquor for $1,800.

Charbneau and his Fort Mason associates, who cooperated in purchases, decided to return the articles to Letterman patients Thursday in a free raffle. Cigarettes will be substituted for liquor.

Charbneau received a volley of applause from the window-side audience when he turned over his bond-purchased date with Miss Betty Jo Garff, Lieutenant Moody's secretary, to Staff Sergeant Joseph Zupan, a

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Colonel Herbert Resumes Retirement



Colonel WILLIAM D. HERBERT, M.C.
Who left on Thursday to begin terminal leave prior to retirement

Colonel William D. Herbert, who came out of retirement nearly five years ago to fill the office of Registrar at Letterman, vacated his swivel chair on Thursday to enjoy a terminal leave of absence prior to resuming his status as a retired officer.

In addition to being an authority on all the regulations concerning physical and legal well being of the sick and wounded, Col. Herbert is a fisherman of wide renown and of unimpaired veracity. His piscatorial achievements are part of the current history of Letterman and one of his last acts on the active list was to lead a band of kindred spirits on a shark hunt.

The civilian employees in the Registrar's Office presented the colonel with an autograph album containing the signatures of nearly all of the military and civilian personnel who have been associated with him during the past five years.

For the present Colonel Herbert will make his home in San Francisco.

Gen. Romulo Speaks To Patients for Memorial Day

In a speech of tribute to the dead and of reassurance to the living, Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, chairman of the Philippine delegation to UNCIO, addressed several hundred Letterman patients Tuesday morning in the patio.

General Romulo, who was introduced by Brigadier General C. C. Hillman as soldier, writer, statesman and diplomat, left a committee meetting at the conference to tell veterans, "We are succeeding in that conference, no matter how gloomy the reports you are reading."

He promised presentation of a charter in "a week or a week and a half" and revealed that, in forming it, "big powers are doing some yielding and small powers some fighting for their rights."

Patience and tolerance will be required if the peace plan is to succeed, General Romulo warned, and he stressed its importance in a world "sick and weary and exhausted, tired of stupidity and greed."

The soldier - statesman spoke quietly of the Bataan and Corregidor battles, recalling the inadequacy of medical equipment and the inevitable suffering. He paid tribute to the patients before him and to their fallen comrades and referred frequently to the significance of Memorial Day Wednesday.

Second Lieutenant Dan W. Burns, assistant director of reconditioning, delivered closing remarks on the program after which General Romulo toured Letterman. He visited with patients, among them Corporal Fred Arquillo, 33-year-old Filipino soldier who was wounded at Leyte. Conducting him on his tour of the hospital was Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman.

INFANTRY MEDIC BACK FROM LUZON TELLS OF TANK RESCUE

When there are wounded men to be rescued, an Infantry medical aid man doesn't wait to ask who they are or where. He goes.

Private Herman Gard, a medic with the 11th Airborne Infantry Division on Luzon, and a comrade pulled three men from a wrecked, smouldering tank under Jap machinegun and mortar fire, and dragged them more than 400 yards to safety. But to Private Gard, that was only one job in many long days of fighting to reach Manila.

The lanky 22-year-old Ohioan is back in the United States for treatment of battle wounds received in that city, where he was struck in the upper part of the left arm by ricocheting machinegun bullets. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gard of Nashville.

Private Gard spoke with the reticence characteristic of veteran Infantryman when he told of the tank episode in an interview at Letterman on his arrival from the Southwest Pacific.

"It was on the drive to Manila," he recalled, "and a tank was between 400 and 500 yards out in front of our leading rifleman when it struck an aerial bomb which the Japs had set with a push-type detonator and were using as a land mine. The bomb knocked the tank around when it exploded, and we could see smoke begin to come out.

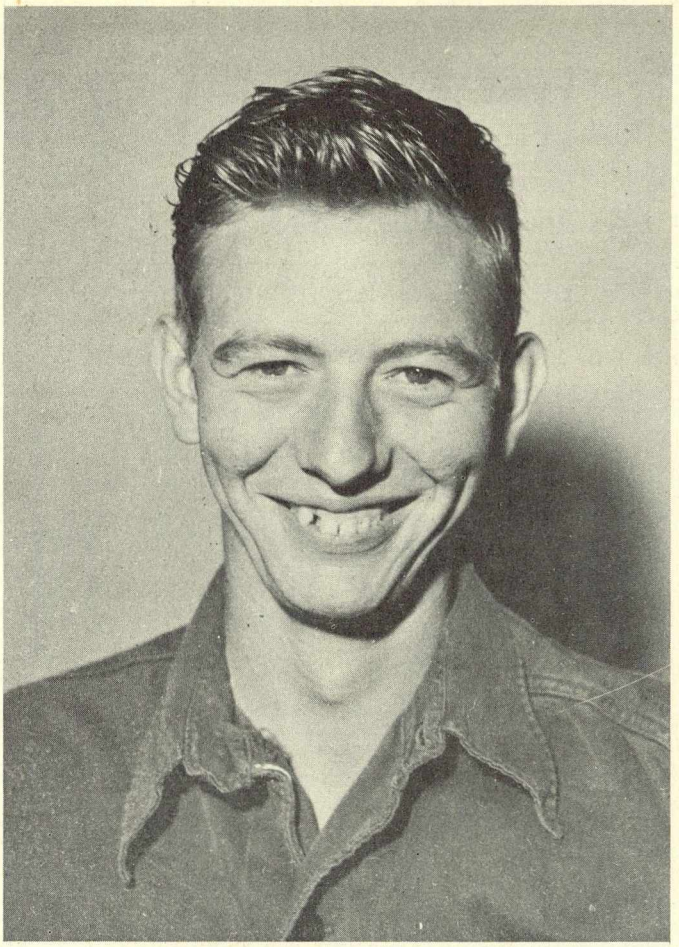
"Another man and I lit out for the tank at a run, and got there in time to pull out three men. The other two were dead, so we started back with the three. All we could do, of course, was drag them along, but after we had returned about halfway some other men came running out and helped us.

"The Japs were throwing mortar and machinegun fire in on us at this time, but none of us were hit."

This wasn't the first trip overseas for Private Gard, whose total time outside this country is 14 months.

He received his basic training in the Medical Corps Replacement Training Center at Camp Grant, Illinois, and was assigned to an Infantry regiment for the Aleutian campaign. He saw action on both Attu and Kiska in the Aleutians, serving with a different Infantry regiment on each.

On his return to this country, Private Gard requested a transfer to the Parachute Infantry, and was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, for parachute training. He has made eight jumps, including the one into combat south of Manila on Luzon, where he was assigned as a medic to a rifle company of the 511th Parachute Infantry regiment.



Private Herman Gard, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gard of Nashville, Ohio, has been returned to this country for treatment of battle wounds received in Manila. Private Gard was a company medical aid man in the 511th Parachute Infantry regiment of the 11th Airborne Infantry Division, and wears the Distinguished Unit Badge for a citation received by his regiment on Luzon.

Private Gard had just finished bandaging a wounded man when he, himself, was wounded.

"A Jap machinegun was firing from one side, across in front of me," he explained, "and I had finished bandaging a man when slugs tore into my left arm. They had ricocheted from a concrete well foundation.

"I walked back by myself to get first aid, and was carried out by litter and a jeep after another medic had bandaged me."

Private Gard has received the Purple Heart for his wound, and in addition has the Distinguished Unit Badge for a citation received by his regiment on Luzon. He is entitled to wear the Philippine Liberation campaign ribbon authorized by the Philippine Commonwealth government, and his Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon bears two battle stars for the campaigns in which he has seen action.

Before he entered the Army, Private Gard was employed by the Republic Steel Corporation at Canton, Ohio.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Inside the installation this week, members of the civilian contingent were arriving and departing on schedule. Departing on Track One! May Beswick, the secretary of our Commanding General, is all excited over the return of her husband who has been overseas for over three years. They're on leave after long awaiting their reunion.

With her newly returned Navy husband, Carol Hayden will be leaving shortly for New England. Carol hails from New Hampshire, but California has won her completely. Unquote. We'll miss her cheery smile around the Information Office.

Arriving on Track Two! Ed O'Brien, one of our goodly gardeners returned this week from a leave spent visiting relatives in Grass Valley, where the grass is growing greener all the time.

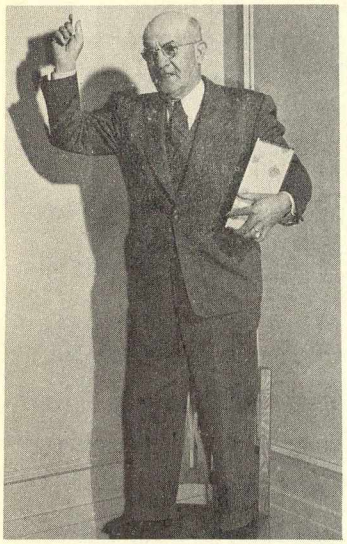
Myrtle Ogeltree, ward attendant in L-1, is back with us after a sojourn in Kentucky and points south, yassuh. Her husband was on the tour with her and they had a wonderful time.

Betty Jo Garff tells us that she enjoyed herself greatly on her date last week-end. Night-clubbing with Betty Jo is a prize worth getting. The recipient of her pulchritudinous charm was the patient in the hospital who had spent the longest time overseas. He was a lucky sergeant and Betty Jo said that she was a lucky gal. The whole thing was the result of the purchase of a War Bond at last week's auction. For further details, see Miss Garff.

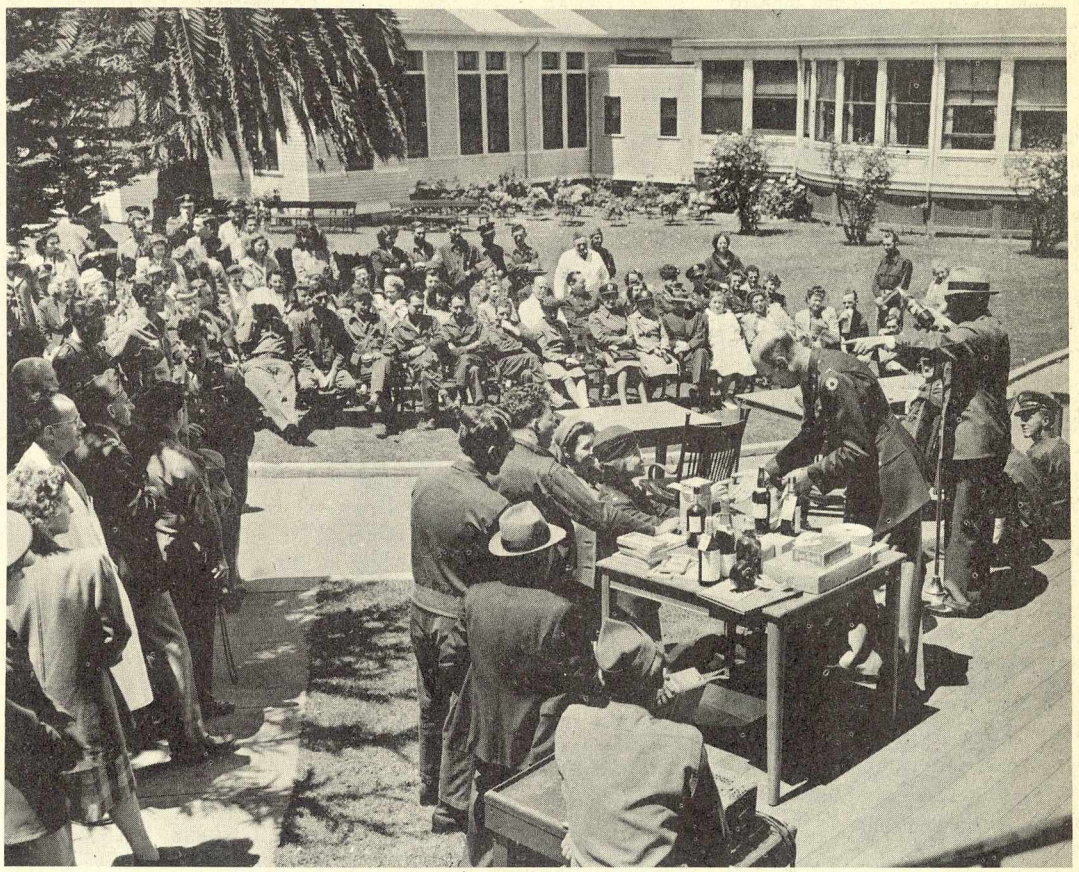
Our hats are off to three civilians who have received 10 year service awards. They are Roy Pfaffle, Laundry Section, Marion Amberg, Officers' Personnel Section and Sarah Ward from the Dietetics Branch.

The Enlisted Pay Section, bag and baggage, had moved out of their office into the third floor hall the early part of this week. Venture Lozano said that it was air conditioned, very roomy and they were completely satisfied with the new arrangement. If you have any difficulty finding the Employee Relations Office, we'll probably be out in the patio by the fish pond, or in the Rec Hall in case of rain!

TREASURY $17,000 RICHER AS RESULT OF BOND AUCTION



Mr. CHARLES "SCOTTY" BUTTERWORTH
Auctioneer by avocation—and plenty good, too



THE CUSTOMERS SAT IN THE SUN
While the commodities were auctioned

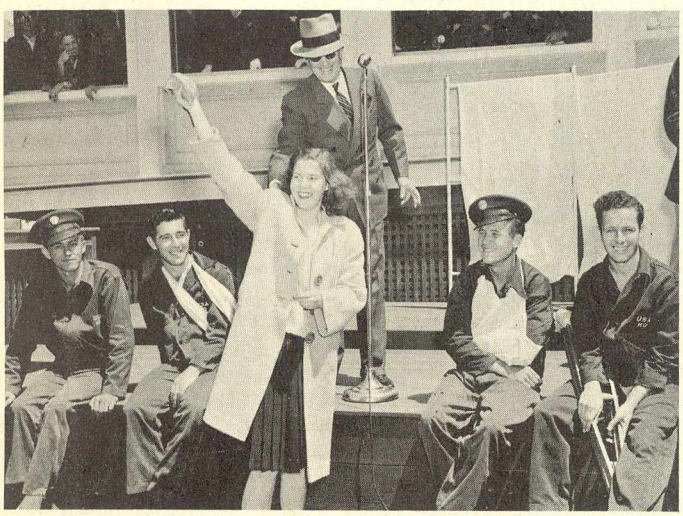
Letterman patient with 54 months overseas.

Another highlight of the program was the raffle of a single pair of nylon hose to Miss Jean Sloat of the evacuation office who described the result as "doggone swell."

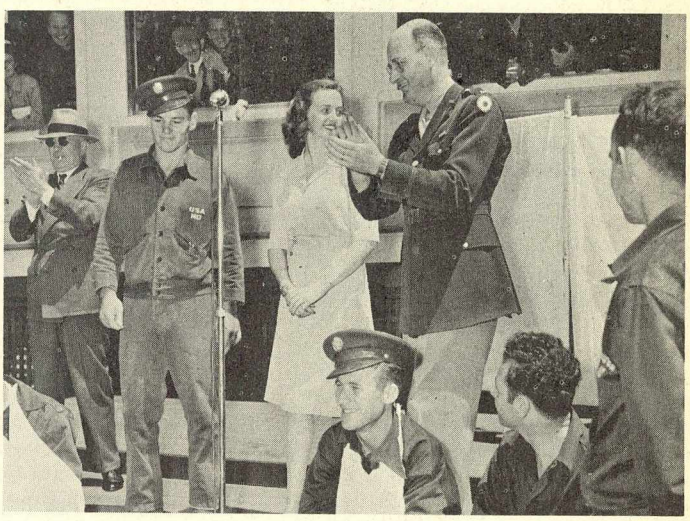
Most of the items brought war bond purchases within the $50-$850 bracket with a few of $1,000 and up. Second Lieutenant Ralph Scheinholtz of the laboratory branch won an electric razor with a bond bid of $1,150 and Captain Philip F. Lustbader, assistant registrar, received Anthony Eden's signature on a $1 bill for a $1,000 bond.

Major Lemuel R. Williams, chief of the medical detachment for 1972 SCU, received a bottle of Scotch for two $500 bonds and Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Kaufman won a box of cigars with a bond bid of $1,000.

Lieutenant Moody described response to the auction as "most gratifying" and expressed his appreciation for the fine cooperation received.



WINNER OF THE NYLONS
Jean Sloat carried home the coveted item



A BLIND DATE
Dazzling to the eyes was Betty Jo Garff

THE FOG HORN

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"AIR EVAC"

Among the personnel of the Medical Department there is what amounts to a universal demand for duty with the air evacuation units of the Army Air Forces. Our medical officers, our nurses and the enlisted men believe they would attain happiness if they could succeed in being attached to such an organization.

We wondered why the strong appeal of that type of duty and maybe we found the answer in a recent release by the War Department Bureau of Public Relations. It has this to say:

More than 1,000,000 sick and wounded patients from all branches of the American and Allied Forces have been evacuated by air since 1942. Nearly 100 per cent of the casualties evacuated from east of the Rhine during the final phases of the European war were transported by aircraft to base hospitals in Europe. During the month of April, 1945, for example, more than 60,000 sick and wounded were moved by air. This speedy evacuation is one of the reasons why so many wounded men have recovered so completely.

Doing such an excellent job is one of the reasons why so many of our Medical Department personnel want to have a part in it.

And a good reason.



More promotions and a constant influx of new nurses continue to hold the spotlight in ANC news around Letterman again this week.

Promotions from second to first lieutenant were announced for Dorothy A. Frisch, Marian H. MacKenzie, Audrey I. Williams, Beverly L. White and Juanita J. Oliver.

From east and west stations come additions to Letterman's nursing staff. Four new nurses have arrived from Santa Barbara. First Lieutenant Eleanor A. Plymate, whose father lives in Augusta, Kan., served in the Asiatic-Pacific area from November 1943 to January 1945 after being stationed about two and a half years in this country. She was commissioned a second lieutenant in the ANC April 30, 1941, and was promoted to her present rank last July.

First Lieutenant Mary K. Flint of Glendale, Calif., entered the Army in April 1943 and the following August was sent to Alaska where she remained until April of this year. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Parks, live in Melrose, Iowa.

Second Lieutenant Jean Reidy, whose home is Santa Barbara, served overseas in Australia and Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, from June 1943 to December of last year. The Army nurse, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Reidy of Santa Barbara, was at Camp Cooke before going overseas. Also from Santa Barbara is First Lieutenant Mary T. Smiles, last of the quartet to arrive here.

Second Lieutenant Henrietta Landman, a San Francisco resident, trained at Mount Zion Hospital and was an X-ray technician here before entering the Army in June 1942. She served overseas in England, Africa and Italy, and upon her return, was stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. Lieutenant Landman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Landman, live in San Francisco.

From the Regional Hospital at Pasadena comes Second Lieutenants Shirley Wien and Adeline Slovack.

Second Lieutenant Mary Ellen O'Connor, a Brooklynite, comes here from Asheville, N. C. She served overseas, in Africa and later in Italy which she left last March. Before entering the Army in October 1942, Lieutenant O'Connor did general duty and private duty nursing.

Also from the east comes First Lieutenant Loretta A. Fitzgibbon, who was formerly in Atlantic City, N. J.

Captain Shirley M. Rierson, who returned from Italy in February, came here from Miami Beach, Fla., where she had been for assignment. Besides serving in Italy, Captain Rierson was in North Africa from December 1943 to the following December. She entered the army nurse corps in February 1942.

First Lieutenant Faye Turner, who entered the army in July 1941, was overseas three years, in the Hawaiian islands and the Marianas which she left last March. Lieutenant Turner, whose home is Charleston, W. Va., trained at Coal Valley Hospital in her home state.

THE OBSERVER SAW

A well organized fishing party leaving here on Wednesday morning with high hopes and returning Wednesday evening with no fish.

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A V-mail letter from Chaplain **L. Lane McCammon,** now in Manila, sending greetings to his many friends here.

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Lieut. Colonel **J. R. Patrick,** Chief Reconditioning for the Ninth Service Command, looking over our set-up and finding it pleasing to official eyes.

Lieut. Colonel **William L. Beswick** back home after three years "down under" and other places. Now the "Seals" have at least one rooter.

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Major **Lester J. Sawyer** gathering the odds and ends to put the finishing touches on a few boats he plans to build on the China coast.

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Captain **Shirley R. Timewell** going around with a far away look in her eyes.

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Crissy Annex fast approaching completion.

Seventy per cent of the Army's equipment in Europe can be reconditioned for use again in the Pacific, it was announced today at headquarters, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 3, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:

Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:

Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"Y" Has Dance

More than 300 persons, in uniform and out, danced to tunes by the Receiving Ship Coast Guard orchestra Wednesday night at the YMCA auditorium, decorated for the occasion with roses and daisies, artificial grass and a miniature white picket fence.

Army uniforms predominated, with the occasional trim blue of the Navy and, adding variety to the color scheme, the soft pastels of junior hostesses' formals.

Attendance at the annual formal dance surpassed expectations, and also previous dances, according to Miss Irene Davis, "Y" program director.

Chairman of arrangements was Miss Thelma Christensen, a member of the junior hostess group. Other junior hostesses who headed planning committees were Miss Eleanor Crane, decorations; Miss Norma Tomlin, entertainment, and Miss Donna Rae Lyon, refreshments. Before the dance, hostesses entertained patients at an informal party.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El most cordially invites officers to the Semi-Monthly Dances, which are held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Blvd. and Lake Street, San Francisco. Dances during the month of June will be on Saturday, June 9th and Saturday June 30th at 9:00 p.m.

Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Vlvd.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ELIZABETH LEE
Corporal

Once upon a time there were two sisters who joined the WAC on December 7, 1943. One went overseas two weeks after her basic training, and one remained in the United States.

We would like to tell you a bit about the latter, Cpl. Elizabeth S. (Libby) Lee, who is now stationed at Letterman.

Corporal Lee was born in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. She graduated from Luverne High School in Alabama and attended eKntucky College in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

After college, Corporal Lee made her home in Fairhope, Alabama, and worked for a time in Brookly Field, which was a short distance from her home.

On December 7th, as we have mentioned before, Corporal Lee and her sister enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and took their basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. After basic, Corporal Lee successively worked at Fort Lewis, Washington, in the Finance Department, Fresno, California, in the Recruiting Office, and from August of last year until April of 1945 in the San Francisco Recruiting Office.

When the Recruiting Office closed in April, Corporal Lee was assigned to Letterman where she now works in the Electro-Cardiagraph Section giving basal metabolism, electro-cardiagraph and brain tests. She is receiving on-the-job training for this work, and states that it is most interesting.

Corporal Lee tells us that her sister is now working in the Intelligence Department in the Philippines, and is expected to return home sometime in the near future. She has been overseas for 15 months and has received three battle stars.

We feel sure that there will be much celebrating when sisters Lee meet and recount their adventures during the past 15 months that they have been apart.

War with Japan Will Get First Call on All Shipping

By Camp Newspaper Service

Soldiers in Europe who are declared surplus under the War Department's demobilization plan, making them eligible for discharge upon their return to the United States if they are found to be unessential to the Army as a whole, will have a high priority on getting out. But they will have a low priority on shipping.

Top Army officers have decided that the jobs to which the WD will direct its first attention will be (1) getting the men, munitions, equipment, planes, guns and supplies from Europe to the Pacific and Asia and into action against the Japs and (2) getting our own wounded and our freed prisoners of war back home.

The high priority for movement of military personnel and materiel from Europe to the Pacific is based on urgent military necessity and a desire to be fair to the men who have been carrying the ball in the Pacific since Pearl Harbor. We have the Japs on the run and we don't intend to give them any "breathing spell," during which they could recover, exploit their conquests further or launch new offensives. Every day by which the war in the Pacific and Asia can be shortened means fewer casualties.

Big Job in Logistics

The shifting of our forces from Europe to the Pacific will be the most tremendous logistical undertaking in the history of warfare. It will mean the recovery, packing and loading and shipping of all materiel in Europe which can be used against the Japs — an estimated 70% — and the transporting of millions of men across vast areas of ocean and distances equaling more than half the earth's circumference at the equator. It will involve a huge problem of retraining and reorientation. This job already was started, even before V-E day, with movement of certain critical personnel from Europe to the Orient.

First personnel shifted will be largely Service Forces Personnel, who will prepare the bases for use of combat troops which will follow later. Large numbers of troops will go directly from Europe to the Pacific. Most combat troops will get brief furloughs in the U. S. before going to the Pacific.

Non Essential Men Must Wait

For the men in Europe declared not essential to the prosecution of the war against Japan, there will be a period of waiting before the necessary shipping can be released to bring them home.

But the Army does not intend that the time spent by these men awaiting shipment will be wasted. An elaborate education, athletic and recreational program was arranged many months ago.

For Ten Years of Meritiorious Service



Certificates and pins in recognition of 10 years' service at Letterman were awarded last Saturday morning by Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, commanding general, to the following civilians: (left to right) Roy Pfaffle of the laundry section of medical supply branch; Mrs. Sarah Ward of the dietetics branch, and Miss Marion Amberg of officer personnel section.

ON THE SPOT



PAUL ASHLEY
Private

Knowledge that he had been hit in the hip by a Jap machinegun bullet didn't give Private Paul Ashley nearly so much concern as something else the enemy fire had done.

Private Ashley, a tall dark-haired Infantryman from Hialeah, Florida, took a hand grenade from his pocket gave it one quick look, then laid it on the ground as gently as his trembling hand would permit.

"The same bullet that wounded me," he said in an interview at Letterman, "had sheared the release pin off that grenade. Just the slightest pressure was keeping it from exploding. My wound wasn't so bad that I wasn't able to walk back from that patrol myself, but if that grenade had gone off in my pocket, there wouldn't have been enough left of me for anybody to carry back."

Two weeks before, Private Ashley was in the first wave of the 43rd Infantry Division troops which went ashore in Lingayen Gulf on Luzon. It was his third campaign, and in addition to the Purple Heart he has the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

There was another day, almost a year ago, when the war got particularly personal for the 28-year-old rifleman.

A Jap had three tries at him with hand grenades at that time, thrown from more than 25 feet.

"They had to hit their grenades against something to arm them for use," he explained. "He was bangin gone against a tree beside his foxhole when I first saw him. I ducked behind a log, but the grenade would probably have got me anyway if it had gone off.

"After he threw it, I laid my M1 rifle across the log and took eight shots at the hole. His head bobbed up again after he heard the clip jump out of my rifle. He threw two more grenades, both of them duds, but by that time I had my M1 reloaded. That's when he caught in the side of the head."

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: Sgts. Charles M. DeBell, Wilbur James, Harold M. Junso and Carroll M. Dykstra, appointed staff sergeant.

A welcome is extended to Pvt. Robert Silverman who joined the detachment during the past week.

The lucky GIs to be off to their homes on furlough during the past week were: Sgt. Leonard H. Simmons, Cpl. Benjamin Weitz, Pvts. Fred Whitt and Paul G. Ewing, each with 25 days; T/5 Dale R. Renaud, with 23 days; S/Sgt. Charles A. Clarke and Pvt. Nichols Vanevliet, each with 19 days; Pvts. Carl G. Martens, Gerald Thomas and Arthur A. Heckala, each with 17 days; T/5 Lawrence F. Herzer, with 15 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl. Warren coming in and letting us know that he had defeated T/Sgt. Vaughn Yeomans in billiards; however, seeing is believing—and we did not see it.

Cpl. Harry Agruss finding another way to reduce—driving his "new" car to work.

S/Sgt. Rudolph O. Schellhorn becoming very much interested in baseball now that he has someone who likes to go with him.

The Letterman dance being enjoyed by the detachment members and hailed as a success—thanks to Sgt. Hugh Ashley's preparations.

Sgt. Thomas C. Hackett back on duty after an enjoyable visit in Kansas City, Missouri, his home town.

What T/5 on Ward C-1 has the married look in his eye?

Sgt. Scott Ross acting as a double for M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz.

Cpl. Maurice Chapek acting as wardmaster on B-2 while Sgt. Hackett was on leave, and doing a fine job.

Cpl. Arthur F. Mahoney, who acts as mail man for the detachment is very much like the first sergeant—all he does is glance at you and he remembers your name.

Arrived

Douglas Paul Coty, eight pounds 14 ounces, at the home of Lieut. and Mrs Paul Coty on 22 May 1945.

Mrs. Coty is the former 1st Lt. Margaret McWeeney, ANC, one time member of our nursing staff.

VIVIAN IS A RARA AVIS—PREFERS WASHINGTON TO SAN FRANCISCO. TSK!



Miss VIVIAN HALVARSON

Miss Vivian D. Halvarson has a knack, it seems, for being at the scene of the greatest activity at the proper time even though she has to cross country to do it.

A week from today the blond clerk-stenographer in the air force liaison office will have been at Letterman a year, one of the most momentous years of San Francisco's history. Before that, she was in Washington, D. C., for three years, during the crucial early days of the war, working for J. Edward Williams, the assistant attorney general for the lands division of the Department of Justice.

Even with the rush and struggle of war time in the nation's capitol, even living four in a crowded room, with the "terrifically hot" summers, Washington became, and has remained, Miss Halvarson's favorite city.

"I was very much impressed with the beauty of the city," she explained. She and a University of Montana sorority sister, with whom she had come to Washington, began their sight-seeing tours the night after they arrived.

"By the end of the first week, we'd seen almost everything," Miss Halvarson recalled, laughing.

She remembers the thrill they got seeing celebrities. "We'd see the president riding down Pennsylvania avenue, all the sirens blowing. And Henry Wallace casually walking down the street."

Later they moved to the old Persian embassy which, with modern furniture and decorations, still had an air of foreign antiquity. "They still had old light fixtures, the kind that hangs way down," she said, gesturing," and old wall brackets."

Last spring Miss Halvarson came to San Francisco with a friend. They chose their living quarters before their job, moving near the "back gate of the Presidio." Looking in at the Presidio one day, Miss Halvarson decided it would be a convenient place to work and, as a civil service employee, she got a job in officers' personnel in the main hospital.

About a half year later she began working at the air force liaison office. "I like the work because I feel that I'm closer to the war here. In Washington my job was connected with the war, of course, but it was more indirectly connected."

Tennis and horseback riding, which she learned Montana-style and has enjoyed ever since, are her favorite diversions after hours.

Miss Halvarson hasn't thought much about after the war but she is vaguely considering living in Washington which, even minus wartime activity, shouldn't be too dull, she thinks.

DANTE ANTICS

Welcome to another new arrival to our staff of nurses. First Lt. Loretta Fitzgibbon, ANC, arrived this week after spending 10 months in the tropics of Panama.

The patients and personnel at Dante were well represented in the big variety show offered here Friday evening. Pfc. Royal Jensen, of Ward 301, sang several popular semi-classic numbers as well as performing in two of the "blackout" sketches that were presented. Pvt. Beverly Alexander, of ward 201, and Pvt. Virginia Hill, were the Singing WACs. The "blackout" sketches were enacted by T/4 Tony Inserra, Elizabeth Tibbets, Pfc. Royal Jensen, Pfc. Carl Marks and Lt. W. J. Murray. T/5 Don Cox, of Special Service Office, Presidio, who assisted Sgt. Hugh Ashley, Special Services, LGH, in staging and producing the show, was the Master of Ceremonies. One of the high spots of the show was the piano solo offered by Lt. Ruth Finch, of the Physiotherapy Department, who played several classic and semi-classic numbers. Pvt. Oscar Felix, formerly a patient on ward 301, returned expressly to do his part in the show. He sang several Latin numbers.

The Reconditioning Division is developing an extended program to fill every hour of the day for the patients who are ready for that type of pastime.

The sympathy of the command is extended to 1st Lt. Mary West, ANC, on the death of her husband which occurred last week.

1960

Besides taking a correspondence course in commercial art, T/5 Francis J. Tebbs, of Company C, has enrolled for the summer semester at Commerce Evening School.

Congratulations to T/Sgt. Clinton E. Gardner of Company B and Mrs. Gardner on the arrival of a 7½ pound baby boy.

1960 SCU welcomes the newly assigned officers: Capt. Franklin D. Bartlett, T.C., Capt. Merton W. Voonhies, M.C., 1st Lt. Douglas L. Forde, M.C., 2nd Lt. Stanley J. Stachon, T.C., 2nd Lt. Thomas E. Ryon, M.A.C., 2nd Lt. Richard C. Farrer, M.A.C. and 2nd Lt. Joe H. Miller, M.A.C.

He dood it again! Our versatile Detachment Commander, Capt. Clel R. Tally broke the 200 mark. This time bowling a nice 214.

Congratulations are in order for those who received promotions during the past week. From Captain to Major: Donald H. Searing, M.C., Calvin E. Gantenbein, M.C. and Clyde G. Nicholson, M.C. To T/4, Cpl. Ellsworth D. Dickens. To T/5, Pfc. Chester Babrich. To 1st Sgt., T/Sgt. Jerry J. Sherman.

Upon his recent promotion to Pfc., Louis Groner of Hq. Det. is passing out a cigarette to each of his friends. He promises at the time of his next promotion—a cigar.

The men of Company B were in for a pleasant surprise the other day when one of their buddies, Michael Weiss, payed them a visit. Mick was discharged from the Army a few weeks ago. While overseas T/4 Weiss was assigned to a K-9 Unit in the Aleutian Islands.

S/Sgt. Korth of Company B is the "buzz bomb" expert of our unit. Anyone interested in how they function, contact the sergeant.

Greetings to three new civilian emmployees in our unit, namely Jess Vcoelkel in Personnel, Julia Wilson amd Beverly Bennek, both in Medical Stupply.

The members of our litter loading teeam are proudly displaying a "Letteer of Commendation" presented to tlhem by our C.O., Lt. Col. Algot R. NNelson, for their splendid work durin gthe recent rush.

INFANTRY OFFICER ASSIGNED TO PERSONAL AFFAIRS AND LIAISON DUTIES



Lt. Colonel CHARLES J. LEE

From Personal Affairs School in Lexington, Va., comes the new personal affairs officer for this station, Lieutenant Colonel Clarence J. Lee who has also been named special Army ground forces liaison officer. In the latter capacity he will be assisted by Staff Sergeant Stanley C. Silver, also a graduate of the Lexington school.

Lieutenant Colonel Lee, in civilian life chief deputy in the sheriff's office in his home town, Owotona, Minn., entered the armed forces with the national guard February 10, 1941, as a first lieutenant.

He went overseas with the Infantry in April 1942 as a major and, after seven months in Ireland, was sent to England from which he went to Africa. In March 1943 he was wounded in action in the Tunisian campaign, later being awarded the Order of the Purple Heart.

The Infantry officer, who was hospitalized 14 months in Virginia and Georgia before returning to duty, plans to go back to his civilian job after the war.

He is expecting, however, that his family will leave their home in Minnesota in a few months to join him in San Francisco where they will live temporarily.

Of his new job as personal affairs officer, Lieutenant Colonel Lee says, "I look forward to it with a great deal of anticipation."

Staff Sergeant Silver, the colonel's assistant, is a 30-month veteran of the Pacific war. He was in Australia and later he saw action in New Guinea where his outfit was awarded a unit citation, the badge of which he now wears, along with the Combat Infantryman's Badge. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silver, live at 545 Broderick Street.

Matters pertaining to Personal Affairs and Army Ground Forces will be handled through Colonel Lee's office, Building 1135, behind the east hospital mess hall, according to a Letterman bulletin.

Appointment of Army Ground Force liaison officers to deal especially with members of the ground forces was specifically ordered by General Joseph Stillwell, chief of the Army Ground Forces, Staff Sergeant Silver explained.

The Stork Was Here

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Sidney Jackson** a son, Michael Spratt; born 21 May; weight 7 pounds ½ ounce.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Arthur Van Zant** a daughter, Marlene Ann; born 21 May; weight. 5 pounds 15¼ ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Dean L. Madsen** a daughter, Roberta Lee; born 21 May; weight 7 pounds 12½ ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Jay E. De Roy** a son, Jay Emanuell, III; born 21 May; weight 6 pounds 11½ ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Charles Hamilton** a son, Andrew Robert; born 22 May; weight 5 pounds 4 ounces.

To Private First Class and Mrs. **Bernard E. Boden** a daughter, Carol Anne; born 22 May; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

o 1st Lt. and Mrs. **William M. Powell** a son, Jeffery McKee; born 22 May; weight 6 pounds 6¾ ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. **John M. Simmons** a daughter, Jo Ann; born 23 May; weight 7 pounds.

To Private and Mrs. **Raymond T. Taft** a son, Raymond James; born 23 May; weight 9 pounds 7 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Lester G. Willig** a daughter, Patricia Leslie; born 25 May; weight 5 pounds 10½ ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Roy E. Laub** a son, David Frederick; born 25 May; weight 5 pounds 10½ ounces.

To Col. and Mrs. **Tyler J. Walker** a daughter, Anne Marie; born 25 May; weight 6 pounds 7½ ounces.

To T/5 and Mrs. **James C. Beach** a son, David Hugh; born 25 May; weight 6 pounds 12¼ ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Howard Salyer** a daughter, aKthleen Mary; born 25 May; weight 8 pounds 11 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Robert Brogan** a daughter, Rebecca Anne; born 25 May; weight 6 pounds 6 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **John Dills** a son, Robert Nelson; born 25 May; weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To T/5 and Mrs. **George Robert** a son, Raymond Thomas; born 26 May; weight 10 pounds.

WAC

In the third WAC barracks has moved the vanguard of the third platoon, 13 technician trainees and two clerical workers, headed by Platoon Leader Dorothy Fassett. The assigned WAC strength now stands at 103 with an increase of 35 more members expected next week.

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Pvt. Elaine Blanco and T/5 Blanche Tinnerholm had two novel experiences last Sunday night. One was being the only two WACs among 800 persons attending the banquet in honor of French delegates to the United Nations conference.

After the banquet the girls spent the rest of the evening with two French sailors, members of the delegation's guard. The sailors, from Brest in Brittany, knew no English except expressions of greeting and courtesy and they were getting a little tired of the same words, they said.

The American-French soldier-sailor combination spent the evening talking French.

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WACs at Dante have their choice of brushing up on their English, learning psychology or a foreign language and polishing the rusty edges off their shorthand through a series of educational courses getting under way there.

Classes in each subject meet three times a week, usually late in the afternoon and are for Dante detachment personnel and patients.

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Pvt. Juanita Harwell of Bakersfield, Calif., has known her boy friend all her life; they were born in the same hospital, two hours apart and grew up together. He is a fighter pilot in the AAF and a second lieutenant.

Last week end he got a pass from Merced and came to visit Pvt. Harwell. After some explanation she convinced him that she would need a pass to go with him because of their difference in rank. "He thought that was really something," said the WAC private, laughing.

Though the MPs never actually got around to asking them for the pass, they eyed the couple curiously, she reported.

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Pvt. Mary E. Chamberlain is on emergency furlough at her home in Temple City, Calif.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of 4 June to 11 June

MONDAY—Portrait Sketching by Mr. Fleming	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Open House—Girls, Cards, Ice Cream and Cookies. Fun for All!	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
A.F.E.C. Variety Stage Show	SSO	1900	YMCA
TUESDAY—Who's Who in Hollywood. Informal discussion by Lois Morgan Young	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "The Chicago Kid" Don Barry, Otto Kruger	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
WEDNESDAY—Popular Song Quiz. What's The Name of that Song- Prizes, Refreshments	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
THURSDAY—Camp Knight Swing Band	SSO	1400	Patio
Movie "Conflict" Humphrey Bogart	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
FRIDAY—Carnival—Party, Hostesses and refreshments	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Fudge Party	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
USO Camp Show "Perk Up"	SSO	1830	YMCA
SUNDAY—Solovox Concert by Sgt. Harold Junso	SSO	1300	YMCA
Musical Program and Social Hour. Hostesses and Refreshments	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Music in the Lobby	SSO	1830	YMCA



LGH Team Scores Over Hamilton

To the accompaniment of an enthusiastic rooting section, the newly organized Letterman WAC softball team marked the initial game of its existence Wednesday afternoon at Julius Kahn playground by winning, 16-0, from an unspirited Hamilton Field Air-WAC team.

Sgt. Robert Bement, coach, expressing satisfaction but not surprise over the game, noted a great improvement in hitting power since the practice game last week. The coach especially praised Pfc. Agnes Zouhar and Pvt. Lillian Houk for hard-hitting, Pvt. Helene Jaffin for apt catching and Pvt. Eleanor J. Eaton for a "spectacular" pitching game.

Sgt. Bement attributed the team's "loose balls" and "lack of tenseness" to a pre-game practice which onlookers had feared would tire the players but which the coach said only relaxed them.

Letterman WACs, on the way home, were jubilant but cautious about overconfidence. "I think these blue and gold uniforms must have blinded them," one player said. The team will meet Crissy Field WACs next Wednesday at their playing field.

Hamilton Field	AB	R	PO	A
Wallace, ss	3	0	2	2
Scarlet, lb	3	0	7	0
Roxy, c	3	0	2	0
Kemmer, cf	1	0	0	0
Townsend, p	3	0	1	0
Leblanc, 2b	3	0	1	0
Smurthwaite, cf	2	0	1	0
Medford, lf	2	0	0	0
Wilson, 3b	1	0	2	1
Porter, sf	2	0	0	1
McElhanston, rf	2	0	2	0
Long, 3b	1	0	1	1
Totals	26	0	18	7

LGH WACs	AB	R	PO	A
Zouhar, ss	4	1	1	1
Vanstrum, 1b	4	3	3	0
Bing, sf	3	0	1	1
Houk, 3b	5	2	1	1
Jenzen, 2b	5	1	1	0
Jaffin, c	5	1	2	0
Fiddament, rf	5	3	0	0
Kustesky, lf	5	3	0	0
Braden, cf	4	0	0	0
Eaton, p	3	2	10	0
Totals	43	16	19	3

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French Delegates Honor Patients At Letterman

Acting Chairman Paul Concour of the French Delegation at the San Francisco Conference and members of the French press and other representatives of the delegation marked the one year anniversary of D-Day in Europe by a special visit to Letterman Hospital to pay tribute to American soldiers who landed on French soil on that memorable day.

Mr. Boncour, introduced by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, spoke in French to patients in wards B-1, C-1 and M-1 over special public address systems placed in each ward for the occasion. After Mr. Boncour spoke, his interpreter, Raymond Offroy, translated his message in which he noted the anniversary of D-Day and expressed the gratitude of France for the sacrifice and help given their country by the United States. He also paid tribute to the soldier patients wounded in the Pacific area.

Accompanying the delegation on its visit to the wards with Commanding General Charles C. Hillman were Colonel Brown S. McClintic, executive officer; Lieutenant Colonel John D. Lamon, Jr., chief of the surgical services branch; Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. McKenna, Chief Chaplain; Lieutenant A. .L Taro, aide de camp to the general; Major Rex P. Clayton, chief of dietetics branch; Colonel Ross Paull, chief of the medical services branch. Also with the party was Corporal Blanche Tinnerholm, French-born Letterman WAC.

Mr. Boncour, as head of the resistance movement in the French Parliament group during German occupation, was sought by the Germans after allied landings a year ago and went into hiding until freed by the allied armies.

His political career includes positions as premier and minister for foreign affairs. As a soldier in the first world war, Mr. Boncour was decorated with the award of the Legion of Honor.

Another prominent figure in the visiting delegation was Jacques Baeyens, French consul general for San Francisco, who returned here with the diplomatic service in January after serving overseas with the United States army and the French general staff. Mr. Baeyens entered the army in San Francisco, transferring to the French staff as a civilian in March 1943.



M. PAUL BONCOUR

Chairman of the French Delegation to UNCIO (right) greets Pvt. Leonard Babin, returned wounded veteran from Pacific area. On the left Cadet Nurses Kunigunde Munter, Marie Heinz, and Jean Hale are impressed.

Four New Captains Named in Recent Promotion Orders

The broad smiles in evidence in some quarters is an unfailing indication that some more promotions have been handed out to the hopeful ones in our midst and this week plethora of double bars may be seen on shoulders where a single bar seemed adequate before.

Leading the list of the ladies elevated in rank is Captain Mary E. Tyrrell who has been with us at Letterman since she reported for active duty with the Army Nurse Corps on 2 April 1941. During her long service here she has specialized in supervision of the Officers' Ward, and received successive promotions to first lieutenant on 14 April "44 and her captaincy dated from 28 May 1945.

Another of our old timers to be included in the list is Captain Elizabeth E. Foster who joined us at Letterman in January 1942 and liked us well enough to become almost a permanent fixture. She is well known as the nurse in charge of Ward D-1 over a long period, and better known as one of our foremost horse-women. She was promoted to first lieutenant on 14 April 1944 and to captain on 28 May 1945. Captain Foster was originally from Brooklyn but now calls Florida her favorite state.

One more who has had all of her active service at Letterman is Captain Alice W. Damonte. She joined station here on March 20, 1942 and by now is considered fully initiated into the Letterman tradition. She was advanced to first lieutenant on 14 April 1944 and to captain on 28 May 1945. Her service has been in the Operating Room, first as assistant and more recently as the supervision nurse of that activity. The records indicate she is a

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LADS FROM LUZON LUCKY TO LAND AT LETTERMAN

Letterman feels very proud to be the first stopping place of the men coming home from the Pacific battle front and the stories they have to tell give us a better appreciation of what our fighting forces are doing



S/Sgt. FRANK J. CAPUANO

over there to bring about a speedy end of the war. We pass some of those stories on to our readers. They tell us they are lucky to land at Letterman and we try to keep them holding that thought.

Three machinegun bullets in the thigh sent S/Sgt. Frank J. Capuano, of Rochester, New York, back across the Pacific wearing a cast, but the 26-year-old Infantry rifle squad leader gets a lot of comfort from recalling the sizeable swath his company cut in one force of Luzon Japs just before he was wounded.

"We killed 130 by official count that morning and the day before," he recalled in an interview at Letterman.

"There were three hills close together," he said, "all full of Japs. Two other companies hit them first that morning. G Company started out against Hill 5 on our extreme right flank, then when the Japs on Hill 6 began throwing heavy fire over at them, E Company went up to Hill 6.

"Our time came next. When fire from Hill 7, or Flagpole Hill, as we called it, began to hold up E Company, we went into action.

"Pushing the Japs back across the hill, his company held its hilltop position through the night," the sergeant said, "with only spasmodic enemy counterattacks.

"At daylight the next morning," he continued, "the battalion commander sent word up that he wanted the rest of the Japs wiped out. We left our battle packs and everything else except our weapons on the hill, formed a skirmish line and headed down the back slope.

"One machinegun had us in a fix for a few minutes until the first sergeant, one of our platoon sergeants and the company messenger worked over to one side and spotted it. It was knocked out with grenades without causing us any casualties.

"The next Jap machinegun didn't give me time to get out of the way. I got three slugs in my right thigh."



Cpl. ALFRED R. LYMAN

Formerly a New York Central Railroad employee, the husky soldier entered the service in January, 1941. After basic training with the 27th Infantry Division at Fort McClellan, Alabama, he joined the 40th Infantry Division, with which he earned three battle stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, and the Purple Heart.

Since he left his job as a street railway bus driver four years ago for induction into the Army, Cpl. Alfred R. Lyman has been in transportation work, but he agrees that it offers more problems in the Infantry than in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

His passengers have been shells and supplies for his heavy weapons company of the 6th Infantry Division, and the run has been New Guinea and the Philippines, with the Japs as traffic hazards.

Cpl. Lyman, whose wife and two young children live at 919 East Ninth Street, Kansas City, was returned to the United States recently for treatment of a wound suffered in action on Luzon.

Near Manila on February 26, a fragment from an enemy artillery shell tore a path through his back from one shoulder to the other. He had been in combat on Luzon more than six weeks.

"The gun had almost direct fire at me," he related in an interview at Letterman, where he awaited transfer to Baxter General Hospital, at Spokane, Washington, for treatment. "It dropped one right beside me as I ran across a clearing in a ravine where we were forming for an attack.

"Facing artillery fire wasn't unusual for the Infantry on Luzon," he said, where the Japs were better supplied with tanks and field pieces than those encountered elsewhere in the Pacific.

Cpl. Lyman, who is 25, went into



T/5 Gr. GEORGE L. TROSPER

the 6th Infantry Division when he entered the service in June, 1941, and trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in the company with which he saw long weeks of combat. He has been overseas since September, 1943.

After going unscathed through bitter fighting in New Guinea and on Letye, T/5th Gr. George L. Trosper, 25-year-old Infantryman of Ronan, Montana, was wounded on Luzon—but, he declared, the Japs hit him only "by accident."

Cpl. Trosper, who was a member of the famed 32d Infantry (Red Arrow) Division, related his experience:

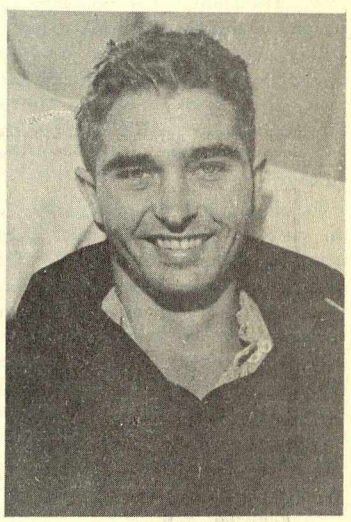
"I was detailed to go along with a truck driver to get supplies," he said, "and on the way back to our company's positions, driving blacked out, we lost our bearings. We managed to find a tank unit and we stayed with them overnight.

"Early the next morning, Jap artillery opened up, and that's where I got it. Shell fragments broke my arm and gouged into my back. I was able to walk to a medical aid man about 200 yards away, and in 30 minutes I was in an ambulance on my way to a hospital, and inside a couple of hours my broken arm was in a cast."

The Montana Doughboy earned a commendation from his company commander for his work during that fight—last Christmas Day—in helping to evacuate wounded comrades from an exposed position.

Cpl. Trosper, who was overseas 18 months, has been awarded the Purple Heart for his wound, the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, and is authorized to wear the Philipipne Liberation campaign ribbon.

How he and his Doughboy comrades faced Japanese who defended Nichols Field, near Manila, with so



Pfc. GRIFF BLAIR

much artillery the Nips could afford to take pot shots with big guns at individual Americans was described by Pfc. Griff Blair, 22, of Byron, New York, who was wounded in that battle.

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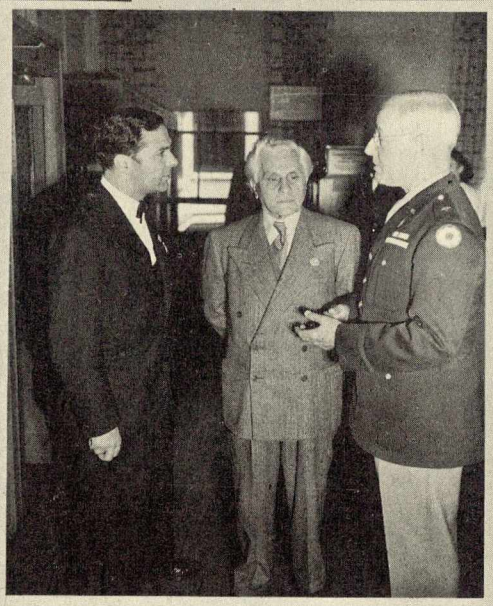
EVENTS OF THE CURRENT WEEK PICTURED HERE



TALKING ON TRAINING
Inspectors from the office of the Surgeon General and the ninth Service command talk things over with the Director of Training at Letterman. L to R - - Captain Maribeth Turnbull, Col. Harvey F. Hendrickson, Lieut. Col. Mary G. Phillips, Lieut. Ernestine Stevenson, and Major William Koch.

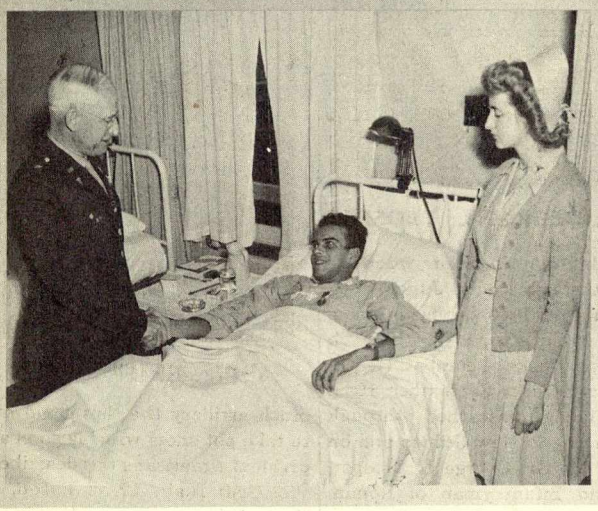


AUTOGRAPHING THE CAST
Of T-5 Norton F. Gorton is the Chairman of the French Delegation to UNCIO - - M. Paul Boncour, while Pvt. Donald J. Stukey looks on.



STOPPING FOR A CHAT
While viewing our Telephone Center are (l to r) Mr. Raymond Offory, M. Paul Boncour, and Brig. Gen. Hillman.

THE PURPLE HEART
Awarded to Lieut. Anthony J. Auda by the Commanding General as 1st Lieut. Helen Gribble stands by.



FINGER PAINTING
Is demonstrated by Miss Ruth Shaw (right) to audience of Major Clarence Godard and Miss Esther M. Aguado.



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EDITORIAL

BROTHERS IN ARMS

Reaching into our overstuffed editorial repository of cliches that never lose their timeliness, we pull out the one that says "Man is a gregarious animal." Meaning that man hankers for his kind. He has his moments of desire for solitude, his spells when he wants to "get away from it all," but most of the time he wants to be where he can see, hear and be heard by, and rub elbows with his fellows.

Men belong to clubs, societies, lodges and similar groups because they never feel as much at ease as when surrounded by other men. Right now Uncle Sam has gathered together in his military forces the biggest group of club members our land has ever seen, and while there is no thought of comparing a squad learning the manual of arms with an easy chair in a club window, our innate desire for companionship is similarly satisfied.

History never fails to repeat itself, and a lot of lifelong friendships will result from our membership in Uncle Sam's All-American Club. Buddies now will remain buddies forever.

But it is really a fine thing. After all, this wouldn't be much of a life without friends. We never have too many of them for they are the fruit of comradeship, forbearance, tolerance and a common belief in the principles on which the United States of America was founded, as the chief of the community interests that always bind friends together.

You make tomorrow's memories today, so in the days to come, when the conversation turns to "my outfit," there will come flashing across the screen of your mind all the fellows who made up that outfit—the good times and the bad times you had together, memories of what they said and did, and a regret that the days when you were all together can't be lived over again. — Camp Roberts Despatch.

THE OBSERVER SAW

A new officer looking for the Letterman Officers' Club. Can anyone help him.

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Lieut. Col. **Robert L. Whitfield,** Jr., getting ready to fly to Halloran General Hospital on Staten Island to make observations on how things are done near the Big City.

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Pvt. **Agnes Zouhar,** our ace cameraman, hitting a three bagger in the game played on Wednesday evening—and touching all the bases.

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Mrs. **Rhonda Yarter,** manager of main PX store, practically out of circulation in her new office topside.

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Captain **Harry J. Kelly** back from his trip to New York and all ready to resume his multitudinous duties hereabouts and elsewhere.

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Invitations to the wedding ceremony of Miss **Alice Verbrugge** who worked for a long time on this paper.

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Miss **Gloria Rich** fairly swamped with visitors to her department and still smiling.

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Mr. **M. S. Cowen,** of San Francisco, providing sixteen reserved seat tickets for our WAC ball players to see the AWVS game this afternoon.

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Everything a little on the quiet side this week.



Two nurses, Lieutenant **Mary B. Masker,** and 2nd Lt. **Ellen M. Barney,** were transferred out of Letterman, the former to Ft. Lawton, Wash., the latter to Great Falls, Mont.

Transfers, however, were greatly outnumbered by the number of welcomes the nursing staff extended to newly assigned members.

Several of the incoming group, returned from overseas, were stationed for reassignment at the Miami Beach, Fla., redistribution center. From there they came to Letterman.

Among them is Lieutenant **Dulcie Chinn** of Osage, Iowa, who was in England from March 1944 until last January. She entered the Army in December 1942 and trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

Second Lt. **Anna L. Glover** of Paris, Ky., was in the Pacific area, New Guinea and the Schouten Islands, for the year ending last February. She took her training at Massie Memorial Hospital in her home town and at City Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

Lieutenant **Frances E. Powers** and Lieutenant **Margaret V. Spratt** were also at the Miami Beach center before coming here.

Lieutenant **Margaret R. King,** who was in the Southwest Pacific from June 1943 to September of last year, entered the Army in March 1943 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Before joining, she did civilian nursing and was trained at Lutheran Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Her home is Granite City, Ill.

Second Lt. **Mary A. Small** entered the Army and has been stationed, in this country, at Camp Polk, La., and Keesler Field, Miss., besides serving in the European theatre from February to December of last year. The Army nurse, originally from Birmingham, Ala., comes here from the Regional Hospital in Pasadena.

Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Wash., sends two additions to the Letterman nursing staff, 2nd Lt. **Dorothy L. Johnson,** and 2nd Lt. **Odette Plainecassagne.** From Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, comes 2nd Lt. **Barbara Hartman** and from Asheville, N. C., Lt. **Doris J. Johnson.**

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 10, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Wedding Bells

In summer off-duty dress and white orchids S/Sgt. Dorothy J. Ropar was married last Saturday afternoon at the Presidio chapel to T/4th Gr. James L. Fitch of the Western Defense Command band.

Major Alvin E. Butcher, Episcopal chaplain on the post, officiated at the ceremony, the first to be conducted there for a Letterman WAC.

Matron of honor was S/Sgt. Warda Narvaez of the San Francisco recruiting headquarters to which the bride was also assigned before coming to Letterman. The bridegroom's best man was S/Sgt. Vance Gregory, also with the band.

Attending the wedding from Letterman were Lt. Ernestine Stephenson, commanding officer of the WAC company, Sgt. Opal Borders, Cpl. Elizabeth Lee and Pfc Eudora Lombardi.

Extra Points

Service men on leave or furlough should contact their local OPA War Price and Rationing Board immediately on their arrival at home. Men on leave or furlough are eligible for food ration points and in some cases shoe an dgasoline coupons.

The OPA is setting up a special service for discharged veterans of this war. A Veterans' Advisory Committee is being organized in each District Office and local War Price and Ration Boards are asking returned veterans to volunteer for a few hours a week of service.

Discharged veterans should contact their local board and apply for ration books. Veterans who intend to open their own business will be assisted in obtaining priorities and making other necessary arrangements under wartime regulations.

WAC OF THE WEEK



HELENE JAFFIN
Pvt.

Although Private Jaffin's first name is Helene, she is better known around Letterman as Tommy. This attractive brunette works in the Medical Laboratory as a medical secretary for the head of the Laboratory Branch, Lt. Col. Harold Stewart.

Private Jaffin was born in New York City and was raised in Jersey. She attended Lincoln High School in Jersey City and went on to Columbia University and took her degree at Carnegie Institute of Technology, with a major in theatrical study.

After graduation, Tommy spent a few summers in stock work, and recalls her biggest thrill which was when Tyrone Power and Annabell played together in Liliom. Being in stock meant that Tommy painted scenery, made costumes, learned the art of makeup along with rehearsing her lines in the plays given. She literally learned about the theatre from the ground up. Stock work was fun, but it didn't pay very well, so Tommy went to business school and spent four years doing secretarial work for the United Press and various trade magazines. At night she worked for her father, who was a physician, taking medical dictation and helping him with his papers. Dr. Jaffin, she says, tried to enlist in the Army and could not, and as no one in the family was in the service, Private Jaffin enlisted on February 19, 1945.

Basic training took Tommy to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and after seven weeks she came straight to Letterman. (Private Jaffin tells us that she has traveled extensively in Europe but never has she seen a place so beautiful as San Francisco with its view of the bay and the surrounding hills of Marin County.) Private Jaffin is one of four medical secretaries in Col. Stewart's office, and she confided in us that they have a filing system that is really a humdinger. Elaborate but satisfactory.

Hospital Grateful For Milkshakes

Two sisters, Miss Rosa Petersin and Mrs. Clara Farrar, have demonstrated, to the extent of almost 5,000 milkshakes, that even in so unmilitary an industry as a creamery it is possible to "do something for the boys."

The women, co-owners of Tip Top Creamery for six and a half years, are selling out; they want to "rest for a while" and then will go, together, into another kind of business. Their greatest regret is that with the effective date of their leaving, June 13, will come the end of donated milkshakes for Letterman patients who have been receiving them, 40 to 150 a week, for almost a year.

"We just wanted to do something for the boys," explained Miss Petersin when questioned about the donations, "and we didn't know what else we could do since we were already in an essential business."

A man buying milkshakes for hospitalized veterans gave the sisters their idea. Some time later Miss Irene Rich, Red Cross director at Letterman, was at the creamery and the sisters offered their suggestion to her. She was enthusiastic and was able to arrange for Red Cross volunteer motor corps drivers to make weekly and special pickups of the battled milkshakes.

The sisters got together and figured out a working schedule. Wednesdays, their day off, they would go back to the creamery for several hours to whip up chocolate and strawberry milkshakes.

During the early days, last July, they made only 40 or 50 at a time, but, at the time of the creamery's sale, they were turning out an easy 100 to 150.

The effect has been all the donors could have wished for. To boys who have not tasted fresh milk for months, an icy milkshake is the ultimate in luxury. It is also a symbol of things remembered from perwar days, the high school hangout with blaring juke box, the high-stooled soda fountain in a small town drug store, the vibrant atmosphere of campus ice cream shops.

Patients have come to feel that Miss Petersin and Mrs. Farrar have created a very satisfactory combination of an essential business and pleasure.

Foreign Visitors

A group of foreign nationals, delegates and press representatives from three countries toured Letterman Wednesday afternoon paying special attention to occupational and physiotherapy branches.

Included in the group were Sergeant Major Louise Dawson, official member of the Canadian delegation; Mrs. Maisie Mitchell of the wartime information board at Ottawa, Canada; Miss Marie Etemadie, press officer from Iran; Mrs. Alice Jackson, editor of an Australian women's weekly publication, and her daughter, Miss Ruth Shaw of New York.

Purple Heart

Second Lt. Anthony J. Auda of New Jersey received the award of the Order of the Purple Heart Wednesday morning from Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, commanding general at Letterman.

The ceremony, conducted in the hospital ward in which Lieutenant Auda is a patient, was in recognition of his being wounded in action at Luzon in the Philippines May 2.

Discharge Points

Questioning of the 958 enlisted men on the post shows that 60 of them qualify for consideration of honorable discharge under the point system, according to Major Leslie D. Snyder, Director of Personnel, who also announced that point records have been forwarded to Ninth Service Command headquarters for further action.

All enlisted men taken into the Army under selective service are planning to go back to civilian life when discharged, although two pre-Pearl Harbor men will remain in the armed forces.

Lieutenant George J. Kaplan, separation-classification officer, reported that 12 out of 155 officers and four of the 188 nurses at the hospital are also eligible for consideration of discharge as far as points are concerned.

NOVEL RIVER BRIDGE SPEEDS ADVANCE

A section of a Bailey bridge mounted on pontoons and towed by amphibian trucks was used as a ferry to haul supplies across the Irrawaddy River in Burma to speed British advances south to Mandalay, the Ninth Service Command Ordnance officer recently announced.

ON THE SPOT



ORLIN PEARSON
Pfc.

Private First Class Orlin Pearson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, killed the first Jap he saw in combat, while fighting with the 32nd Infantry Division at Aitape.

"He was an ugly devil—about the meanest-looking human I have ever seen," declared the Minnesota soldier in an interview at Letterman. "He came rushing out of the bushes, about seven feet from me, with his bayonet pointed for action and a snarl on his face. He yelled, 'Don't shoot—American, you die!'

"Needless to say, I didn't comply with his wishes. I did plenty of shooting with my Browning automatic rifle and he was the one who died. He dropped a few feet from me, with six slugs in him. The BAR excels in close-infighting like that we did a lot of it in the Dinunimor River and Aitape area, where the jungle was so thick that we had to depend on our ears more than our eyes to detect the Japs. They often were on top of you before you knew it."

However, he encountered his roughest combat later on Leyte, the 20-year-old Infantrymen declared.

"I operated chiefly as a mortar man while we were pushing inland on Leyte and the Japs gave us a rough time of it," he said. "One afternoon while my platoon was trying to knock out a road block, seven Jap machine-guns opened up on us. We were pinned down for three hours and suffered some pretty bad casualties. Four men in my squad were wounded and one was killed, before we were able to blast out those machineguns.

"Our mortars did a swell job, when we finally got zeroed in on the road block. We knocked out two of the machinegun nests and our riflemen and BAR teams accounted for the rest. When we finally took over the Jap position, we counted 103 dead Nips."

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: Sgt. Percy E. Warren, appointed S/Sgt.; Cpls. Warren A. Altman, Rex J. Barker, Kenneth L. Chesney, Stewart Patience, Walter G. Roach and David C. Taber, appointed Sergeants; Pvts. Paul G. Ewing, Leonard P. Hartsell, Ralph T. McCormack and Frank J. Malsom appointed Corporals; Pvt. Luigi Polito, appointed T/5th Gr.; Pvt. Erick D. Flamer, appointed Private First Class.

Lucky GI's to be off to their homes on furlough during the past week were: Sgt. Herbert Jauch, Cpls. Lloyd J. Engle, William Ducorsky and Pvt. Ernest L. Roth, each with 25 days; S/Sgts. John W. Dean, and Thomas A. Siegfried, Sgt. Harry Ponerantz, T/5th Gr. Burton A. Blatz, Pvts. Bronko Smilanich and Luther E. Berry, each with 23 days; Pvts. Marcos M. Alvarado and Paul J. Etzkorn, each with 21 days; T/4th Gr. Charles K. Anthony and Pvt. Thomas L. Davis, each with 19 days; T/Sgt. Donald F. Allison, S/Sgt. Rudolph O. Shellhorn, Sgt. Julius Heintz, Cpls. Raymond A. Powell, James P. Petrinovitch, James C. Demon, Lewis H. Trickey, Pvts. Holland F. Beedy and Bing Young, each with 17 days; Sgt. Angelo L. Leone and Pvt. Herbert L. Montgomery, each with 15 days; S/Sgt. Edward C. Vicary, with 10 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Henry P. Smith and his crew all set up and ready for action in their new Charge of Quarters office.

Sgt. Lou D. Slott finally buying a car that can take him back and forth to work without breaking down —unlike that of Sgt. Pat Sullivan's.

T/4th Gr. Samuel Terravecchia pinch-hitting for S/Sgt. John Dean while Dean is on furlough and taking good care of M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz.

Sgt. John Y. James now in the finals in the tennis tournament and having only one more player to defeat for the Letterman championship.

T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox and his new method of playing billiards—close your eyes and shoot.

START EARLY ON SHORT SNORTERS IS ADVICE OF LIEUT. SOFRANKO



Lieut. JUANITA B. SOFRANKO, ANC

The current custom of acquiring signatures on paper currency, popularly known as "short snorters" has found a new devotee in one of our most recent acquisitions.

Lt. Juanita B. Sofranko has been on active duty only two months as a member of the Army Nurse Corps but she has already managed to get some unusual signatures on the pair of bills she has pasted together as the basis of her "short snorter." Also unusual is her use of bills of the $2 denomination; braving fate with a degree of courage unheard of in most men. On her combination of a two peso and a $2 bill one finds the autograph of General Carlos P. Romolo on the currency of his country, while James A. Farley spreads his name on one of ours. During the visit of Mr. Paul Boncour to Letterman this week Lt. Sofranko was one of the very few to get his autograph.

The lieutenant looks forward to overseas service before very long and believes she has made a fine start on a collection of autographs that will compare favorably with the collection of the nurses and others who have been flying around the world during this war.

Lt. Sofranko first saw the light of day in an Oregon mist in her native town of Myrtle Point, but moved to sunny California at an early age and settled in Tracy, where she graduated from high school before going into training at the San Joaquin County General Hospital in Stockton. She remained on staff duty at that hospital after graduation until she volunteered for duty with the Army Nurse Corps.

She reported at Letterman in March of this year and has been learning the Army way of caring for the sick and wounded in preparation for the next move. Among her hobbies is a love of good books but suffers distractions whenever a bid for a dance comes her way. The two pastimes are not compatible so it is quite possible that her reading suffers frequently.

At least, she looks like a girl who would have plenty of bids for dancing.

WAC

A delighted cadre this week left the barracks squad room which has served as administration headquarters for the WAC company for two months and moved into a genuine orderly room with separate sections for the CO's, office and the supply room.

Cadre members spoke enthusiastically about file cabinets and other facilities and almost as enthusiastically about the absence of barracks chatter.

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Unhampered by California dew, three-day and weekend passes were more numerous last weekend than ever before.

Pfc **Bobbie Allison** and **Pfc Agnes Zohaur** headed for Santa Cruz while Pfc. **Leonarda F. Witkowski** visited chums at Camp White, Ore., her former station.

Pvt. **Vernia I. Burns** is on furlough in Los Angeles and Pvt. **Bertha E. Hektner** left Thursday for Lexington, Va., where she will attend personal affairs school.

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Clothes racks are looking crowded these days and coathangers are at a premium with additions of tropical worsted uniforms and summer off duty dresses, issued during the last week, for wear after duty hours.

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An opportunity to learn leather work themselves and pass on that knowledge to patients is being given WACs willing to spend some of their free time in occupational therapy.

Second Lieutenant Alice G. Elto, assistant director of reconditioning, said that more instructors will be needed to reach all the patients interested in learning leather-lacing for coin purses and other articles.

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Odds and Ends . . . Dante annex girls are preparing to pull up stakes, and suitcases, in several weeks and move to barracks just above the car lines. . . . Twenty-seven new technician trainees moved in this week, fresh from training school, and another 50 are expected next week. . . . The point system, to which military women have enjoyed immunization for so long, has invaded the barracks in cigarette form and WACs can now talk rationing with other women buyers, if that is any satisfaction.

CIVIL CIRCLES

This week was a high point in the life of Helen Greenwell, a mess attendant with an enviable service record here at L.G.H. She received the citation for the Bronze Star Medal, awarded to her son, Sgt. LeRoy Greenwell, for showing great courage and for meritorious service against the enemy in Germany. Sgt. Greenwell also possesses a citation of merit. Helen was beaming with justifiable pride while showing us the citation, which was thrilling to read. She and her son are typical of the mother-and-son combinations everywhere in our country. They're each doing a job with grim determination and the results have proven they're un unbeatable team.

Here are the latest results of the teamwork among the Branches for the 7th War Loan Drive. Elise Gardner, minute-man for the Registrar, Maud Crumley, of the ward attendants in the Nursing Branch and Fred Diernisse, Garden, all have their teams well over the half-way mark. The Library, under the direction of Myrtle Kirby, has reached 98% of its goal, and they'll undoubtedly be in Tokyo by next Tuesday at the latest.

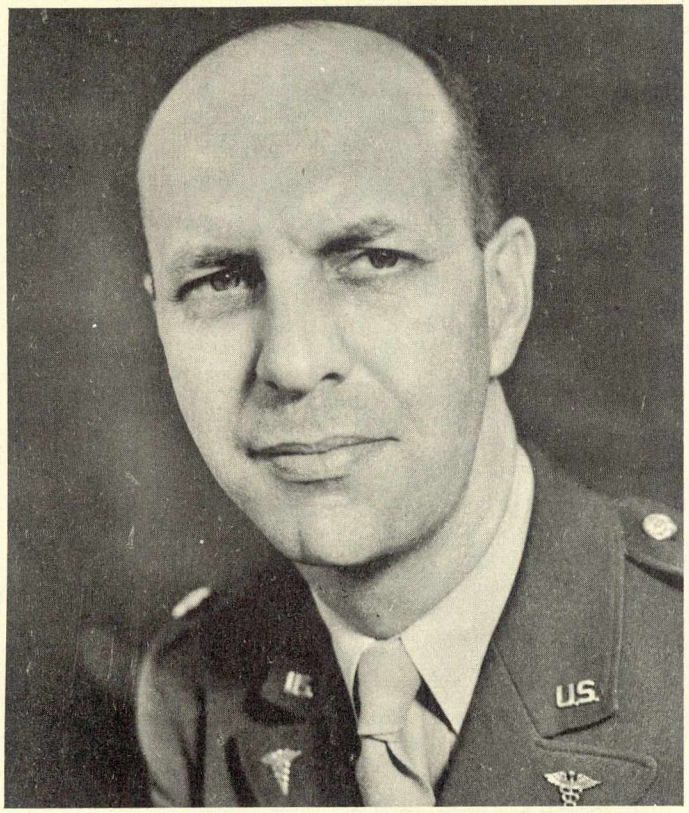
We at Letterman do not have to be sold on the wonders of the American Red Cross Blood Bank; we are particularly aware of its value. So just a reminder that next Tuesday, 12 June, is our day. The bus will leave from the front of the Administration Building at 2:30 p.m. Call Maude Redd at the Red Cross, local 3561, to let her know you'll be there.

Last Tuesday at the California Club, there was a vocal recital featuring our own prima donna, Betty Ann Strunk, of Special Services. Betty is a lush blonde with a voice that is truly out of this world. Her sister, Rosemary, has talent along the same lines and joined Betty in a duet. The entertainment was a tremendous success and the audience was smitten with the sisters' charm.

Quote of The Week

Lt. **Cecelia J. Knaggs** says: The Letterman laundry is so conscientious that a piece of Kleen-ex left in the pocket of her shirt was cleaned and pressed and returned to her as good as new.

NONE BUT THE BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR US SO WE HAVE COLONEL NUNN



Lt. Col. LESLIE D. NUNN, MC
Assistant Chief of Surgical Service

Lieutenant Colonel Leslie L. Nunn, now assistant to Lt. Col. John D. Lamon, Jr., the surgical chief at Letterman, a few short months ago was chief of the surgical service for the 204th General Hospital in Oahu, Hawaii.

Stationed there, and in Guam, for a total of 19 months, Colonel Nunn returned to the United States last February and was assigned to Letterman.

With fifty-two per cent of the central Pacific casualties in the 204th being returned to combat duty, the tall surgeon recalls constant activity and rare breathing spells in the hospital.

"The worst cases came from Saipan. They were flown in directly from the battlefields. After each operation the hospital filled up immediately."

As plastic surgery consultant for the central Pacific area, Colonel Nunn had a large part in restoring the features of men whose faces had been battered in combat. To facilitate plastic surgery, he opened two cartilage banks containing reserve stocks of preserved rib cartilage. The cartilage, capable of preservation for two years in a merthiolate and saline solution, was used for only did the delicate surgery restore reticence," he explained.

In the opinion of the colonel, not only did the delicate surgery restroe shattered faces of patients but their shattered personalities as well.

"If they can be given back a halfway decent looking face, they can go out and meet people without reticience," he explained.

Hawaii was not the beginning of Colonel Nunn's interest in plastic surgery. In 1941 he had set up the first cartilage bank for the army at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Wash.

Colonel Nunn's home is Vancouver, where his family still lives and where his medical practice was centered until he entered the army in 1941.

A graduate of Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, the Letterman surgeon spent four postgraduate years at the Mayo clinic, Rochester, Minn.

DANTE ANTICS

Congratulations to Captain Donald Dewald, MC, on the birth of his new daughter! Capt. Dewald has found already that life becomes much more complex when a man becomes a father. Although he doesn't smoke, the Captain was rushing madly through the hospital Sunday morning looking for ways and means to buy a box of cigars before rationing shut down the supply.

The Information and Education Office has just received a complete set of USAFI textbooks, and has established a library for use by both patients and personnel. These textbooks will be loaned out to patients for the duration of their stay in the hospital, and will be available for use in the I & E Library to duty personnel, civilian or military.

A recent addition to our staff of nurses is 2nd Lt. Mary Small, who has just returned from an extended tour of duty in the ETO. Lt. Small says that she is NOT the Mary Small of radio fame, but we're not convinced.

Many of our patients who attended the "Dante Frolics" presentation Friday a week ago, are asking for the early re-appearance of Pvt. Beverly Alexander, the WAC songbird who wowed everyone with her lilting melodies in the show. The demand for her return appearance has been so great that she may be called upon even before the next "Dante Frolics" is presented.

Last week our copy went to press too early to include congratulations to Pvt. Bill Dunham, of our Detachment, who is the proud father of a nine and one-half pound boy, born May 29.

Second Lt. Charles Ridgley, MAC, has assumed charge of the Reconditioning Program at Dante. Lt. Ridgley was formerly an instructor at MAC, OCS, at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and has served a tour of duty overseas as Sergeant-Major of the Medical Battalion of an armored division prior to being commissioned.

"The Desert Song"

Taking time out from rehearsals and inter-rehearsal sightseeing, the major part of "The Desert Song" cast gave an 80-minute musical program for about 500 patients last Friday afternoon at the "Y."

Finger Painting is Exhibited Here by Miss Ruth Shaw

The North Carolina woman who introduced finger painting to Italian schools more than 15 years ago and subsequently carried it into American education and psychiatry was at Letterman Wednesday and Thursday for conferences and demonstration.

Letterman Hospital was the last stop on the itinerary of Miss Ruth Shaw, New York educator and lecturer, who has been touring southern and western United States, with the aproval of the surgeon general's office, to confer with Red Cross officials and army psychiatrists.

The gray-haired educator, in an interview Wednesday, described the new type of art work as a muscle strengthener, an emotional outlet, and a new method of psychiatric diagnosis.

"We present finger painting to military men as entertainment," she pointed out, adding that, in addition, it gives relief to suppressed, self conscious persons and is valuable for mental diagnosis.

"To psychiatrists and psychologists it is a pattern of symbols from which they can determine trends of thought."

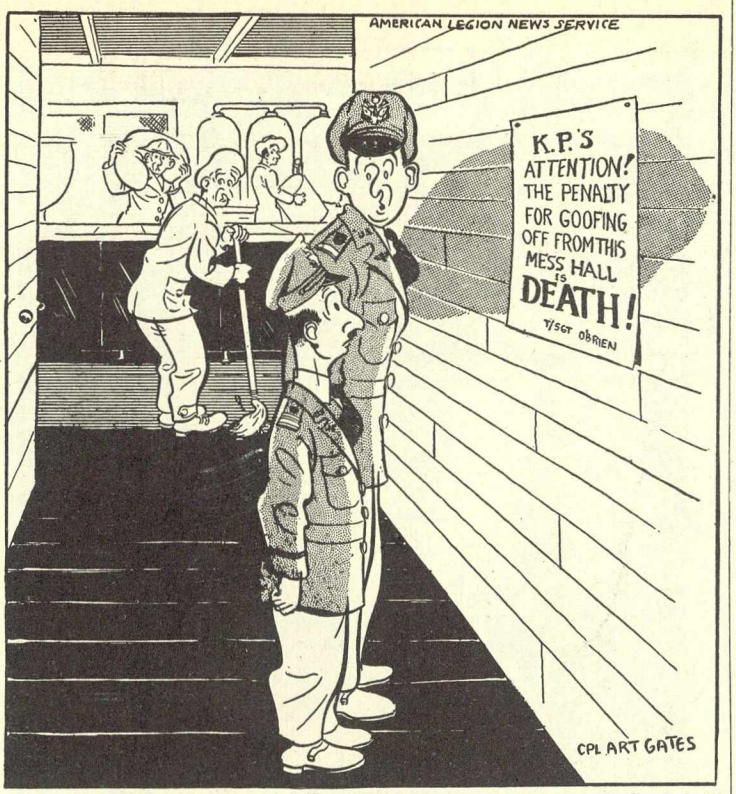
In originating the art work, Miss Shaw made her own paint, with earth pigment to prevent finger stains, and chemists are still employed to prepare special hues. Especially prepared paper is also used for the hand-traced drawing and a particular technique has been evolved.

Miss Shaw, who in 1932 introduced the new art work here after it had been accepted in Europe, said that psychologists and psychiatrists first recognized its value in this country. Now it is used in schools and convalescent centers all over the United States.

Upon her return to New York, Miss Shaw is planning to complete a book on her painting procedure for the psychology department of New York university.

Takes Tennis Honors

Second Lieutenant Jack H. Polly of the medical supply branch, who seized tennis supremacy, 6-3 and 6-0, Wednesday from Sergeant John Y. James of the outpatient branch will play Captain Lawrence M. Wilson of Dante to edtermine the Letterman representative in the Ninth Service Command tournament.



"I think we'd better have a talk with the new mess sergeant, Captain!"

MORE ABOUT LADS FROM LUZON

"Fighting desperately," said Pvt. Blair, a member of the 11th Airborne Division, "the Japs were hammering at us with antiaircraft guns and field pieces and even with naval guns they had moved onto the field.

"We had been attacking Nichols Field for two days when I was wounded. Part of it already was in our hands. We'd move on the runways and the Nips would crack down with 20-mm guns, firing at very close range. All we could do was hug the earth. We had moved up so fast that we had nothing bigger than 75s.

"I was a bazooka man (rocket launcher operator) and I was trying to get into position to hammer Jap tanks preparing for an attack when a Nip 77-mm gun dropped an artillery shell just two feet away from me.

"I was hit in the leg. I couldn't move. I'd have been a goner if medical aid men, guys with a lot of guts, hadn't crawled through the Jap fire to reach me and evacuate me to the battalion aid station."

Pvt. Blair has been awarded the Purple Heart for his wound and the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. Amputation of the lower portion of his right leg was necessary, so badly was it torn by a shell fragment.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blair of Byron, he received his basic training with the 11th Airborne Division at Camp Mackall, North Carolina.

MORE ABOUT NEW CAPTAINS

native daughter and happy to be serving in her home state.

The fourth to be raised in rank is Captain Virginia C. Sanderson, who is relatively recent arrival at Letterman. The captain joined us on 27 September 1944, coming from Panama, but she has been on active duty with the Army Nurse Corps since 19 June 1941. Captain Sanderson was selected for detached service with the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco and few of us had the opportunity to extend our congratulations so far but then she has been included in the general felicitations to the quartette of new captains.

The Stork Was Here

To Capt. and Mrs. **Raymond Carlton Clapp** a daughter, Gretchen Judith; born 27 May; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Charles E. Bryant** a son, Dale Edward; born 27 May; weight 5 pounds 14 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Melvin A. Peach** a son, Gary Arthur; born 28 May; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **James F. Wurm** a daughter, Mary Michelle; born 28 May; weight 7 pounds 3¼ ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. **Merwin C. Safholm** a daughter, Diane Frances; born 29 May; weight 9 pounds 9 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **William H. Duncan** a son, William Roy; born 29 May; weight 9 pounds 8 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Frank C. Snedaker** a son, Frank Carlton; born 30 May; weight 5 pounds 14 ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. **Milton A. McGrady** a son, Andrew Milton; born 31 May; weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **John Skhra** a daughter, Cheyrl Ann; born 31 May; weight 6 pounds 2 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Bennett Katz** a daughter, Joyce Ellen; born 1 June; weight 6 pounds 1½ ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Richard Robejsek** a daughter, Sharon Ann; born 1 June; weight 6 pounds 3 ounces.

Inspectors Visit

A three-member inspecting party, composed of representatives from the Medical Administrative Training Branch of the army, conferred here Wednesday with Colonel Harvey F. Hendrickson, hospital inspector, and officers in charge of medical technician training at Letterman.

The group included Lieutenant Colonel Mary G. Phillips, assistant superintendent of army nurses, and Captain Maribeth Turnbull, Medical Administrative corps, both from the Surgeon General's office in Washington, D. C., and Major William Koch of the Ninth Service Command Training division.

Colonel Phillips, speaking from her observations at Letterman and other Ninth Service Command hospital training centers on their itinerary, reported that "The WAC technicians are a most enthusiastic group and are always eager to be of whatever assistance they can to army doctors and nurses."

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Wounded Chaplain Saved With Blood From Local Donors

In a casual, bantering tone Chaplain (Captain) Charles L. Forsyth, an army chaplain at Letterman as a patient, related how, after being hit by shell fire on Luzon, he was treked 15 miles in a jeep-ambulance that crawled warily between Japanese lines for six hours before reaching the portable surgical hospital.

The chaplain, originally from Boulder, Colo., told of being hit by shell fire on the front lines the night of Easter Sunday just after concluding a religious service.

He praised the two medical corpsmen who gave him first aid and the corpsman and two enlisted men who later volunteered to take him to the hospital. They strapped him to stretchers and tied the stretchers down to frames, fastened for that purpose to the jeep.

"We went through 15 miles of unprotected trail to get to the hospital, a six-hour trip through jungles, hills and mountain streams; we even forded three rivers."

The trail was a line that had been wrested from the Japs and fluctuated in width from three miles to a narrow valley between mountains. It had been used previously in the daytime but never before at night. The three men taking Chaplain Forsyth to safety later were awarded bronze stars.

At the hospital, where amputation of his right leg was performed, four doctors and 25 enlisted men were working night and day using Jap operating tables, inevitably too short for American soldiers, and some Japanese equipment.

It was also at the hospital that Chaplain Forsyth received whole blood that had been donated by Miss Catherine Caldwell of San Francisco and WAVE Janet Vetoskie of the naval air base at Livermore. He learned of the donors' names from labels on the bottles.

Since arriving at Letterman, Chaplain Forsyth has contacted Miss Caldwell and has told her of receiving the blood donation.

Following two months of hospitalization at Leyte, the chaplain was returned to this country, arriving here last Sunday. He has a sister, a nun, who teaches at St. Paul's grade school in San Francisco and a father who lives in Boulder.

Until June 1941, six months before entering the army, Chaplain Forsyth was pastor of a San Diego parish and, immediately before going into service, he was pastor in Lafayette, Colo. The army chaplain has been overseas two years, in New Guinea, New Britain and Australia in addition to Luzon.



Colonel BROWN S. McCLINTIC, MC.
Whose title was changed this week to Deputy Commander of Letterman General Hospital.

Changes in Front Office Staff Are Announced Here

A partial reorganization of the headquarters staff was effected here last week when orders announced the designation of Colonel Brown S. McClintic, MC, as the Deputy Commander of Letterman General Hospital .In his new capacity he will exercise supervision, under the commanding general, of all phases of the varied activities that are the functions of this command.

Lieut. Col. Seth O. Craft, PC., has been designated as Executive Officer to succeed Colonel McClintic in that capacity, and Captain William R. Moody, MAC, has been appointed assistant adjutant in place of Lieut. Frances V. Peterson, WAC, who takes over the office vacated by Captain Moody for War Bond sales. Captain Lee Inman, MAC., who was appointed hospital adjutant some time ago, will retain that office under the new set-up.

Colonel McClintic has been on the Letterman staff since July of last year and prior to that he was the commanding officer of the Station Hospital, West Los Angeles Area, in the southland. He is an officer of the regular Army and a native of Indiana.

Colonel Craft has been here since December 1944 when he reported for duty following his relief at the Office of the Surgeon General where he had served for four years with the Hospital Construction Division. He is an officer of the regular Army and in his twenty-first year of commissioned service.

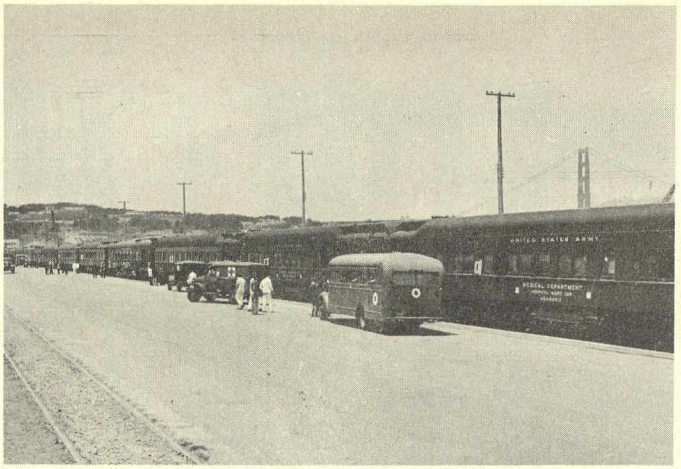
Captain Lee Inman, one of the real old timers at Letterman in the days before the war, returned here as assistant adjutant in October 1944, and was advanced to adjutant

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EVACUATION FACILITATED BY EXPANDED TRAIN UNIT

It will soon be one year since the activation of 1960 Service Command Unit, Hospital Train Unit, and in the intervening time the baby has developed into a lusty youngster.

Prior to July of last year hospital evacuation trains and all of the administrative details connected with their operation were handled by the Receiving and Evacuation Office here at Letterman. The office is responsible for providing the personnel and property for the hospital cars as well as the professional care which might be required en route to other hospitals. The entire operation of receiving and moving out patients was supervised by Letterman Hospital. In those early days patients were for the most part sent to one hospital at a time, and the entire trainload debarked at a designated hospital. The train movements were cleared through the Office of the Chief of Transportation in Washington, D. C., and cars were alloted through that same office to Letterman Hospital for temporary use.



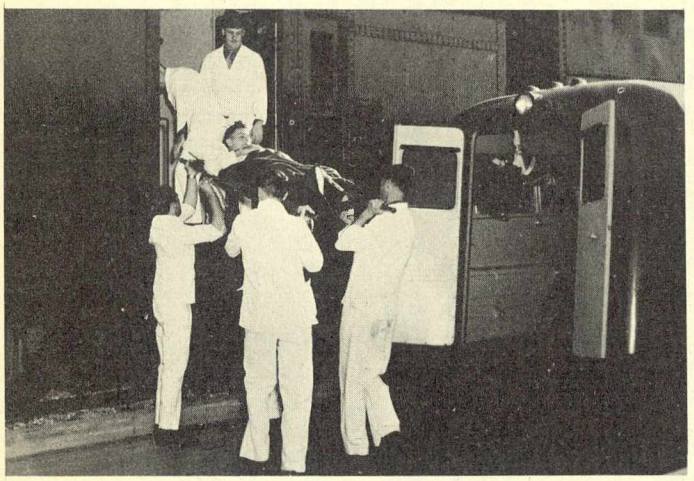
THE LOADING PROCESS
Is accomplished speedily and the train begins the long trek across the continent.

With the organization of 1960 SCU Hospital Train Unit, it was possible to make an entirely new disposition of patients to the various hospitals throughout the country extending definitive treatment to our sick and wounded.

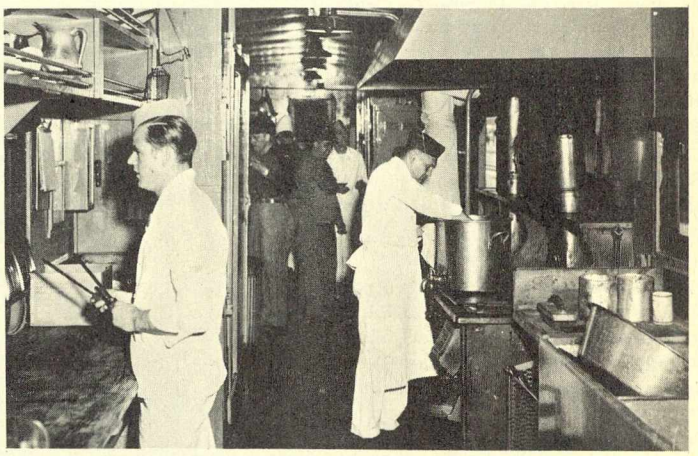
Perhaps it might be well to outline what happens on admission of a patient to this hospital who is destined for transfer inland for further treatment. The first activity is the recording of the patient's name, address, diagnosis and a statement of preference as to destination for further treatment. This information is transmitted to the Medical Regulating Officer, Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D. C., and within 2 hours a returned message is received authorizing the transfer of the patient to a designated hospital.

The hospital train unit is advised as to the number of patients ready for evacuation and the destination assigned, and makes the necessary arrangements for the transportation to hospitals indicated. Everything works very smoothly due to the close cooperation existing between the personnel of SCU 1960 and that of Letterman General Hospital.

During the past year a new type hospital unit car has been constructed which adds materially to the comforts available to patients at division points to provide on their own or attached to other trains until the destination is reached. The train commander accompanies the train to its final destination, personnel assigned to individual cars stay with the car and return when the patients have been detrained. One of the features which adds interest to a train trip is the possibility that the train, any of the coaches or all of the coaches, may be ordered to proceed to other hospitals to effect transfer of patients from the East to the West coast. So, when a doctor or a nurse or a corps man leaves Letterman en route to a designated hospital in the East, there is no guaranty of his speedy return. The exigencies of the service may send him from San Francisco to New York from New York to Charleston, South Carolina; from Charleston, South Carolina, to Spokane, Washington, before he returns to his home station.



FROM AMBULANCE TO TRAIN
Skilled litter bearers effect a transfer of patient withut a jar.



KITCHEN CAR
This equipment is adequate to furnish food for entire hospital train.

on the long train ride. On this car there are sleeping accomodations for 32 patients, a separate compartment for the medical department personnel, a roomette in each car for the doctors and nurses, shower bath, surgical dressing room, kitchenette, linen closets and sterilizing compartments and even a desk to help with the inevitable paper work which is part of any military operation. A hospital train is in reality a mobile hospital and as such requires a medical staff. The train commander is usually a Captain in the Medical Corps. He is assisted by several military officers and five or six army nurses with some 50 to 60 medical detachment enlisted men who act as train attendants.

The train is so organized that individual coaches may be dropped off

As the hospital train is a military organization it is still governed by military regulations and while these are reduced to a minimum for the orderly procedure of the military routine, it is still possible for our patients to have a very pleasant trip. There are games, playing cards, records, candy, cigarettes, and magazines available for the use of the patients. One of our most faithful supporters is the organization of the Southern Pacific Employees of War Activities. As an example of their generosity it may be worthy to note that during the month of May the Southern Pacific employees fur-

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RECONDITIONING PLANS PET PASTIMES FOR PATIENTS



SEE SAN FRANCISCO
On special tours leaving recreation center twice weekly.

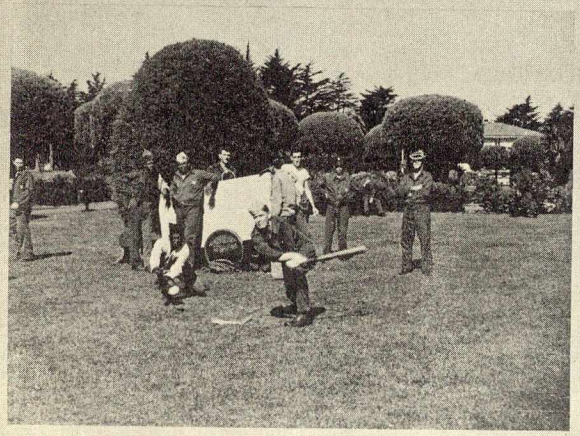


PLAY VOLLEY BALL
In a game organized for patients by the reconditioning office.



PULL IN A GOOD CATCH
Of bass or perch from salt waters near Crissy Field pier.

GET UP TO BAT
With the patients playing ball on the recreation field at the parade grounds.





TRY YOUR LUCK
At casting a line from the beach along the Crissy Field area.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

BUY BATTLE BONDS

Under-Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew, our pre-war ambassador to Japan and America's leading authority on the Japanese, recently declared that our Far Eastern enemy is potentially "the strongest nation in the world." Their conquests have given the Japanese military caste unlimited resources for the waging of war. They hold in absolute slavery hundreds of millions of people, a labor reservoir of incalculable value in their struggle for world dominion.

Given time to consolidate its gains and properly utilize the vast loot of its early successes, Japan can stave off defeat, if not the certainty of defeat, for an indefinite time. The death-blow must be delivered now if we are to avert that probability.

Behind our 6,000,000 men who will smash the last bastion of the Island Empire must go every resource of their country. This is the seventh inning stretch in our fight for survival—the Mighty Seventh will keep our team in the field. Your bond, bought today, may fire the last gun, drop the last bomb or fuel the first tank to the shattered doorstep of the Emperor of the land of the Rising Sun.—The Rhoadsman.



Captain May D. Hanawalt, recently returned to Letterman after almost two months of nurse procurement duty at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, is spending an eight-day leave at her home in Los Angeles. She will return next Tuesday.

Assistant to the chief nurse for about a year, Captain Hanawalt was assigned to Letterman upon her return from the European theater where she served a year.

For the first time in weeks the influx of nurses to Letterman couldn't keep pace with transfers out.

Eighteen nurses were transferred during the last week to Hamilton Field. In addition, Lieutenant Betty Lou S. Gourley left for Camp Beale, separation center.

First lieutenants added to the nursing staff at Hamilton Field are Myrtle E. Elkins, Greta Vander Valk, Frieda Marks, Helen M. Smith and Mildred L. Phillips.

The airfield medical branch also received the following second lieutenants: Theresa J. Callery, Elizabeth I. Carlson, Lorna E. Darden, Margarete Dayley, Ethel M. Garrison, Mildred C. Harwell, Ethel S. Madden, Almira A. Heslop, Madeline Prendergast, Mary A. Small, Helen Crawford, Betty J. McNamera and Helena E. Tavernetti.

The greater part of transfers to Letterman have been from Madigan General Hospital. They include Second Lieutenants Mauddean Anderson, Doris L. Bailey, Anastasia Fostek, Dorothy L. Johnson and Helen F. Kolar.

Lieutenant Johnson, whose home is Aberdeen, Wash., entered the Army last month, taking her basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash. Before joining the ANC she completed nurses' training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Tacoma, Wash.

Another new nurse who also recently completed basic training at Fort Lewis is Lieutenant Kolar. Her home is Yankton, S. D., and she attended the University of South Dakota, training at the Methodist Hospital, Mitchell, S. D.

Second Lieutenant Marie M. Martin, whose home is Phoenix, Ariz., returned in May from the Pacific area where, for the last two years, she had been serving in Australia, Dutch New Guinea and the Philippines. Before entering the Army in November, 1942, she was a public health nurse.

From the redistribution center at Asheville, N. C., comes Lieutenant Florence J. Fitzsimmons of Long Island, N. Y. She did private duty and surgical nursing at Roosevelt Hospital, N. Y., before entering the Army in June, 1942. Besides serving in this country, Lieutenant Fitzsimmons was in Africa and Italy for almost two years and left a magazine article, "A Field Hospital," in Italy for publication.

Second Lieutenant Mary Kalchik of Omena, Mich., who comes from the redistribution center at Miami Beach, Fla., trained at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Chicago and served, until last April, in Africa and Italy.

Sole representative of Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, is Second Lieutenant Mary E. Rapp.

THE OBSERVER SAW

The new pair of silver bars on the shoulder loop of Captain **William R. Moody.** Congratulations.

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The newly painted begonias in the patio threatening to outdo the late pansies in a riot of color.

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The five cent cuppa coffee still available at the fountain in the main P.X.

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The **N. C. Beigh** band giving out with jive in the patio on Thursday afternoon—a jive that had everyone jumping.

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The steady procession of WACs wending their way each day to the Army "Y"—could be the excellent coffee served there?

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Mrs. **Dorothy Mix** leaving Letterman for a life of leisure and her desk taken by a brunette for a change.

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The big mirror in the East Hospital library doubling the size of the room—at least, it has that effect.

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The Service Command consultant in surgery, Lt. Col. **Meredith G.** Beaver here for a look-see at our set up.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 17, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

New Warrants for Two WAC Soldiers

First promotions for enlisted women of the Letterman WAC detachment were made Wednesday morning and followed by a flurry of excitement that began in the orderly room and spread to all corners of the hospital.

Pfc Eudora Lombardi, who has been acting first sergeant of the WAC section since its beginning almost three months ago, officially became first sergeant and Pfc Gladys (Bobbie) Allison, supply sergeant, received her rating as staff sergeant.

Sergeant Lombardi of Jersey City, N. J., who has belonged to the WAC and earlier to the WAAC for a total of 30 months, was acting first sergeant at Camp Haan before coming to Letterman. Previously she worked in public relations at Camp White, Ore., and in classification at Fort Devons, Mass.

Sergeant Allison of Beaumont, Texas, has been in the WAC and previously the auxiliary for 29 months. She was supply sergeant at Santa Barbara before she came here. At Camp White, another of her former stations, Sgt. Allison worked in the quartermaster property office. For four weeks last summer she attended the adjutant general school at Fort Washington, Md.

Places in Tourney

Second Lieutenant Jack H. Polly of the medical supply branch at Letterman defeated Captain Lawrence M. Wilson of Dante, 6-1, in two games, last Friday in a contest for Letterman representation in the Ninth Service Command tournament to be played off soon.

WAC OF THE WEEK



VERA GOODLANDER
Sgt.

One of the busiest people in the hospital is a member of the WAC detachment, Sgt. Vera F. Goodlander, who busies herself the whole day through with the many Special Orders that stream into the Sergeant Major's office.

Each time there is a promotion, transfer or change of status for one of our military personnel there is an accompanying Special Order for it that passes through Vera's hands. She has cut so many stencils that sometimes she claims to feel more like an automaton than human. After the stencils are cut they are reproduced and then distributed by the Message Center she tells us.

Vera was born in Hammond, Indiana. She received a fine business background at the Hammond Technical School—a vocational school that provides courses in shorthand, typing and comptometry for the girls and trade courses for the men. When she graduated in the middle of the year, Vera received on-the-job-training in the office of a patent attorney and then went to work for the Youngstown Sheet and Tool Company in Chicago as a stenographer.

Sgt. Goodlander enlisted in the Women's Army Corps May 6, 1943. The present six weeks' basic training was then four weeks, and after this training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, Sgt. Goodlander was assigned to Camp White in Medford, Oregon. At Camp White, Vera worked as Chief Clerk of the Special Orders until her present assignment to Letterman on April 10, 1945.

Along with her other duties, Sgt. Goodlander acts as Platoon Sergeant for her barracks and takes reports for the morning reveille.

To Sgt. Goodlander we say, keep up the "Vera Good" work.

Dad's Day an Event To Father of Five

If numbers of children are any measurement of the observance of Father's day, there are several detachment men at Letterman who are expecting a thrice to five-times blessed day tomorrow.

Pvt. Okia Varner, who until late this week worked in Ward 40, received orders to report to Fort Dix, N. J., separation center and expects to spend, if not this Father's day, at least succeeding holidays with his wife and five children at home in Norton, Va.

His family ranges from Marsha Elizabeth, 9 months, to Robert Ray, 16 years, and includes two other girls, Linda Ann, 4 years, Greta Christine, 10 and William McFarlan, 13.

Pvt. Varner was in the Army 16 months, at Letterman a year.

When he can get home to La-Verne, Calif., his boy and girl twins, a year and a half old, make holidays lively for Cpl. Crispin F. Lopez, who is also the father of a daughter, 3 years old. Cpl. Lopez is a receiving clerk in medical supply.

Pvt. Jim Brewer, who has been at Letterman since March, has two girls and a boy. His older daughter has just completed the fourth grade and the younger one is on the verge of beginning kindergarten. His son is 15 months old and all the children live, with their mother, in Alabama.

Most Letterman fathers, away from their children this year, are expecting to be remembered with school-made cards or an occasional small gift.

Patients Chat With The Charlie Chan

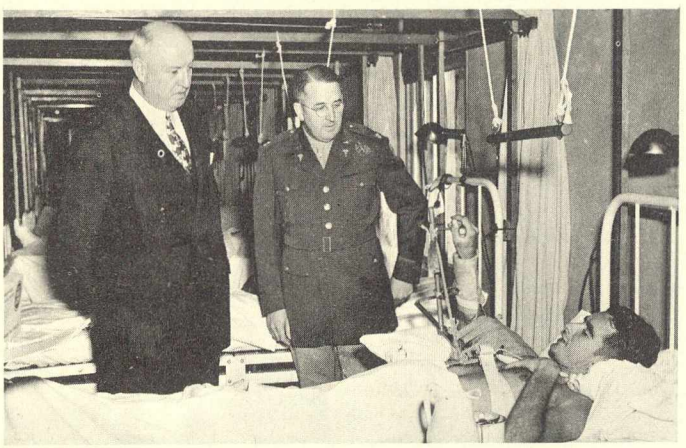
Charlie Chan, who is known in private life as Sydney Toler, made his second wartime visit to Letterman wards Wednesday through Friday of this week. He was accompanied here by his wife. Mrs. Toler is Viva Tattersall in the British film world.

The film detective's visit here marked the beginning of a four day USO-sponsored tour of hospitals in the Bay Area. He arrived in San Francisco after a trip to Hoff General Hospital in Santa Barbara.

In addition to these hospital visits, Mr. Toler is scheduled to make a trip to the Mediterranean and European areas for the purpose of entertaining men assigned to the army of occupation. Under the auspices of the USO, the Hollywood sleuth expects to start his travels early in August.

While at Letterman, Mr. Toler spoke to patients in each ward. Introducing himself as he entered the wards he proceeded to speak to many of the patients individually and presented them all with autographed picture. His well-known dry wit of his detective role was very much in evidence as he chatted with bed-ridden veterans.

Mrs. Toler has an active interest in the entertainment program for wounded servicemen and has appeared with her husband in several hospital USO shows on behalf of patients. She is also interested in British veterans as she has five sisters and two brothers in the service of the Royal Air Force in England.



WELL KNOWN VISITOR
Sgt. Eli J. Corriveau, of Laconai, N. H., has a chat with Mr. James A. Farley, former Postmaster General, while Lt. Col. John D. Lamon, Jr., Chief of the Surgical Service listens in.

ON THE SPOT



CYRIL BEATTY
Pvt., Infantry

Private Cyril Beatty of Denver, Colorado, still has the rifle bullet which put him out of action, plus some memories of fierce fighting with the 32nd Infantry Division in the Leyte and Aitape campaigns.

"I'm only 19, but I feel a lot older than that after what I've been through," he grinned, during an interview at Letterman.

"There was a time on Leyte after we had pushed in about 30 miles and were fighting off Japs in hills on two sides of us," he continued. "We originally had planned to dig in and set up a perimeter, but the Jap artillery was throwing so much metal at us that there wasn't time to dig foxholes.

"You'd get about six inches dug, and then—wham—another shell. They were pouring it on. The only thing to do was to keep moving and take one of the hills, which we did. It was good strategy, because we didn't lose a single man in the assault. The Japs ran like frightened deer. I guess they figured we were plenty strong if we could risk an assault under their bombardment."

Private Beatty, who was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, was wounded five days after his outfit roared into the Philippines. A Jap sniper put him out of action. The bullet went in his left shoulder and came out through his arm.

Though he has been in the Army only slightly more than a year—he was inducted October 3, 1943—eight months of that time he was overseas. Besides his service on Leyte, he also saw three months of action at Aitape. The Colorado Infantryman received his basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Roberts, California.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: S/Sgt. Henry P. Smith, appointed T/Sgt.; Sgts. Robert H. Morten, John Y. James and Lawrence E. Pearson, appointed S/Sgts.; Cpls. David H. Davis, Harry P. Agruss, Elmer P. Martell and George W. Strain, appointed Sgts.; Pvts. Osse L. Montgomery and Thomas G .Paganini, appointed Cpls.; Pvts. Howard F. Dover and Eugene F. Koch, appointed T/5th Gr.

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Lucky GI's to be off to their homes on furlough during the week were: T/5th Gr. Liber D. Panella, Pvts. Jordan Jason, Sol. Z. Cohen and Robert E. Boyett, each with 25 days; Sgt. Laverne D. Boland, Cpls. Dale Gates and Robert A. Fox, Pvts. George L. Trippon, Robert W. Hammersley, and Earl J. Warren, each with 23 days; Pvt. Harold G. Windom, with 21 days; S/Sgt. Harold Junso, Sgt. Lou D. Slott, Cpls. James Riveroll and Arthur D. Louder and Pvt. John G. Quiles, each with 17 days; Cpl. Woodrow H. Schenebeck, with 15 days.

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A welcome is extended to Pvt. Ned R. Spaulding who joined the detachment during the week.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Gr. Albert V. Glenn a proud father of a baby girl, Gay Leigh Ann, born on the 5th of June. Congratulations Glenn.

T/4th Gr. John D. Jurst organizing a softball team among the Detachment men in Ward S-1, and now challenging any other section of the hospital to a game.

Cpl. Raymond Seidenburg back on duty in Ward A-2 after spending some time in his home town of Detroit.

S/Sgt. Edward C. Vickary back from a week's fishing trip but giving no information on the ones he caught and the others that got away.

Pfc. Ervin J. Lewis now juggling figures in the Finance Office.

FOGARTY FAMILY FURNISHES FUN FOR FLOCKS OF FINE FRIENDS WITH MUSIC



Miss HELEN Y. FOGARTY

An avid interest in all kinds of music and disinterest for almost all phases of wartime city life characterize the pert, vivacious secretary in the surgical services office, Miss Helen Y. Fogarty.

Miss Fogarty has been at Letterman a year and nine months and is now secretary to Lieutenant Colonel John D. Lamon, chief of the surgical services branch. Before coming to Letterman she worked two years at Hamilton Field.

She likes her work here, admits that some of the medical terms she encounters in preparing consultation reports are "terrific" and describes a medical dictionary as "what the well dressed medical secertary wouldn't be without."

The present day noise and crowds of city life hold no attraction for this native San Franciscan who was reared in the midst of its metropolitan bustle. Several years ago she moved unregretfully to Larkspur and plans later to live in Marin County or on the Peninsula.

In restless war time Miss Fogarty is the exeception to the rule by being contented not to travel. She rarely goes out of California except for visits to an aunt's cabin in Nevada, although sometime she would like to go east to vist an uncle in New York.

Her interest in music is a family affair. Her grandfather played in operetta; her uncle is a concert pianist; her father plays piano by ear. She likes swing, concert music, boogie woogie and ballads and can sit hours listening to them. Only her brother has no interest in music, and he fights a losing battle against the remainder of a music-loving family.

Riding and swimming are her favorite sports and dancing a pleasant diversion. In high school Miss Fogarty belonged to a riding club and, after graduation, she continued with the sport. She remembers, painfully, trying to ride bareback once and one other time jumping her horse. Caustically, she sums up results, "I decided to stick to plain riding."

Miss Fogarty does not care about making headlines, but her work and outside interests and cheerful personality always assure her of a good time.

WAC

Letterman's first WAC medical company, composed of the initial hundred technicians and clerical workers to arrive here, was activated Friday as Company 86.

Two other companies of 100 members apiece will be formed and the 50-75 girls remaining will be carried as attached unassigned WACS.

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This week, highlighted by arrival of 50 more technician trainees, closed a month's actual hospital training for 12 WACS.

They are Pvt. Trixie M. Allen, Pvt. Jean B. Plehn, Pvt. Marian I. Brown, Pvt. Faith L. Calhoon, Pvt. Merle B. Cole, Pvt. Inez I. Fox, Pvt. Fannie J. Harwell, Pvt. Patricia A. Quinn, Pvt. Rose A. Silverman, Pvt. Judith A. Smith, Pvt. Katharine A. Sullivan and Pvt. Audrey A. Martin.

Private Martin is a daughter of Brigadier General A. H. Martin, who until recently was a member of the general staff in the Persian Gulf Command. He went overseas in 1942 and when last heard from was in the China-Burma area although his daughter believes he has been recently transferred.

A former auditor for the British embassy in Washington, D. C., Private Martin worked as a nurse's aide in her off-duty hours and, with her previous hospital experience, came directly to Letterman after completion of basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Private Martin has a brother in the Navy and a sister who has been in the WAVES almost a year.

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The civilian women shipworkers at Mare Island defeated Letterman WACS 6-2 June 8 at Vallejo in the local softball team's first setback of the season.

Local players were described as being "in good form" despite tough opposition against a semi-professional team.

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Pvt. Lorraine Higdon is on furlough in Alameda, Calif., and Pvt. Joan Randall, who came to Letterman as an X-ray technician with the first group of WACS, left last week after receiving a medical discharge.

Special Awards

Brigadier General C. C. Hillman, commanding officer of Letterman, conferred awards on three Okinawa veterans, a liberated prisoner of the Japanese and a surgical technician in the medical air evacuation service Wednesday in two separate ceremonies in the general's office.

Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, assistant executive officer, read the accompanying citations and Lieutenant A. L. Taro, aide de camp to the general, assisted.

Pfc. Harold H. Blazier, infantryman from Tacoma, Wash., and Pfc. Joe N. Mares, Arlington, Calif., infantryman, received the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received on Okinawa May 16. In a separate ceremony Pvt. Boone F. Nevin received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on Okinawa May 2.

T/3 Richard C. Baldwin of Oak Park, Ill., received the air medal for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight over the Pacific. Sergeant Baldwin spent a year in the Pacific area as surgical technician on a Medical Air Evacuation transport plane.

General Hillman presented Cpl. Wilfred J. Poirier, liberated prisoner, with a letter from President Truman welcoming him on his return to the United States after three years in Japanese prisons in the Philippines.

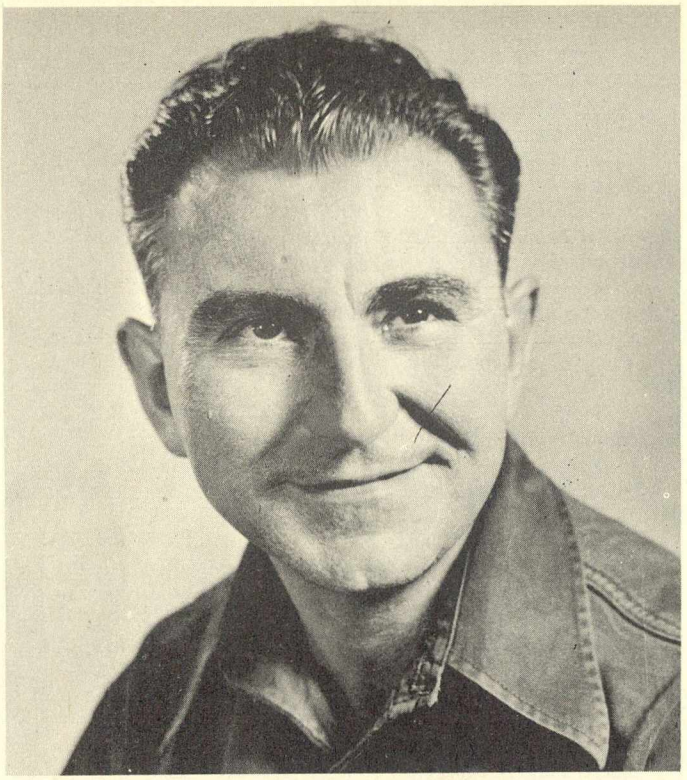
Two awards of the Purple Heart were made by General Hillman last Saturday afternoon. Recipients were Pvt. Clark E. Gouger, infantryman from Kunkletown, Penn., for wounds received in action on Luzon, March 19, 1945, and First Sergeant Owen R. Bushnell of Great Bend, Kan., also for wounds received on Luzon where he was with an engineer battalion.

Pfc. Harold W. Condon of Buffalo, N. Y., Thursday was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on Luzon May 8. General Hillman made the award to the veteran infantryman who will leave shortly for hospitalization at Fort Dix, N. J.

Cleveland (CNS)—Robert Harris was found guilty on a drunken driving count. "$100 and costs," said the judge, "to be executed Monday." Harris promptly fainted. He thought he was going to die.

Richmond, Va (CNS) — Much-married Pauline Condon has asked the court for a divorce from her 15th husband. The charge: He hit her on the head with his artificial leg.

MYSTERIOUS VALLEY OF SHANGRI LA DESCRIBED BY LETTERMAN PATIENT



S/Sgt. CLAY PUGH

A man who has flown barely a spear's throw above Dutch New Guinea's famed valley, Shangri La, Saturday described from his own observations the hidden, mountain-girded recess and the giant and apparently warlike race that inhabits the valley where a WAC and two American airmen have been marooned since their plane crashed several days ago.

S/Sgt. Clay Pugh, of Montpelier, Ind., a patient at Letterman General Hospital after 11 months in the Pacific, was with the intelligence service of the AAF and a member of seven low-flying excursion parties to the Oranje Mountain settlement. Before entering the Army, he was a press agent in New York for 15 years.

Sergeant Pugh's last trip was April 20, and at that time fewer than 100 white men had seen the rock-encircled valley, he said.

The director of his outfit had discovered it early in 1944 while charting weather routes in that section of New Guinea, and it became customary for his men to have some special achievement rewarded with a trip over the valley.

Rock-encrusted, the valley is filled with native villages extending clear up the nearly perpendicular walls of the mountains into the overhanging clouds. A geologist declared that pictures taken on one trip show no rock movements for centuries.

Natural dividing line for the 20 by 4 mile valley is a large stream, but there is no bridge or boats, Sergeant Pugh noted.

Flying 60 feet over the valley, they could see that the whole valley bottom was divided into communities separated by earth walls and walls of log cemented with dirt.

Near each village was a lookout post, a platform carefully balanced on a tree trunk 60 feet or more in the air, and on the platforms were guards, armed with spears which they aimed at the planes but never hit.

"The natives are the most amazing thing," said Sergeant Pugh. "They appear to be virtual giants, all of them seven feet tall or taller. Their hair is long, falling to their waists and they are armed with spears and appear to be very fierce. Many of them carried huge nets on their backs which seemed to serve as packs."

"Many natives carried shields, everyone was armed. Even in the fields they carried spears." Sergeant Pugh mentioned that seldom was a native seen in the village. They were all working in the fields, with plants that resembled gourds.

"Exactly what the crops are is impossible to tell from the air. It is a very efficient form of cultivation and resembles nothing I have ever seen. The farms are enclosed in high walls and are a network of laterals and irrigation ditches of an advanced type."

On several flights they dropped

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The Stork Was Here

To T/3rd Gr. and Mrs. **Harry Ciardelli** a son, James Conrad; born 9 June; weight 8 pounds 3 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Donald DeWald** a daughter, Diane Louise; born 9 June; weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Alexander Mordus** a daughter, Diane Alexis; born 9 June; weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. **Arnold Crouse** twin boys, Kenneth Arnold and Keith George; born 4 June; weight 6 pounds and 5 pounds 8 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **William P. Alexander** a son, James Lucian; born 5 June; weight 6 pounds 14½ ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Charles Winn** a daughter, Sandra Leigh; born 5 June; weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Richard Mattingly** a daughter, Susan Lenore; born 6 June; weight 7 pounds 4¼ ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. **Leroy Alward** a son, Harold Lee; born 6 June; weight 8 pounds 6¾ ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Horace Mecklem** a son, Peter Clarence; born 6 June; weight 5 pounds 6½ ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. **Everett Pierce** a son, Richard Dean; born 7 June; weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Sharon Eichelberger** a son, Sharon Stephen, Jr.; born 7 June; weight 8 pounds 13 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Edward Smith** a daughter, Carolyn June; born 7 June; weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Ralph Boone** a daughter, Judith; born 8 June; weight 7 pounds 9½ ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Francis Carpenter** a son, Steven J.; born 8 June; weight 7 pounds 9½ ounces.

Home WAC Team Wins Second Game But Lose in Third

Against stiffened competition, the Letterman WAC softball team scored 8-2 over Crissy Field 4th Air Force WACS Wednesday in a game which showed "definite improvement."

The crowd commented favorably on Pvt. Ellen Bing, the team's new catcher and Pvt. Dorothy Sundin, short-stop, a former Minneapolis professional player, who arrived earlier Wednesday with a new group of WAC trainees.

The score:

LGH WACS	AB	R	PO	A
Vanstrom, 1b	4	1	8	0
Price, sf	4	0	1	0
Bing, c	4	2	1	0
Zohaur, 3b	4	1	0	2
Jenzen, 2b	4	1	2	3
Houk, lf	4	2	0	0
Fiddament, cf	4	0	0	0
Sundin, ss	4	0	2	3
Kennedy, rf	3	0	0	0
Eaton, p	3	1	7	1
Totals	42	8	21	9

4th AAF WACS	AB	R	PO	A
McWharter, 1b	3	0	6	0
Grego, 3b	3	0	3	2
Conlin, ss	2	0	0	3
Riddle, rf	3	0	0	0
Bishoff, lf	3	1	0	0
Eckler, c	3	1	2	0
Phillips, 2b	3	0	3	3
Musser, p	3	0	4	2
Jetton, sf	3	0	1	0
Vanvalor, cf	2	0	2	0
Totals	28	2	21	10

LGH WACS	000	300	5—8
4th AAF WACS	000	100	1—2

Runs—Vanstrom, Bing 2, Zohaur, Jenzen, Houk 2, Eaton, Bishoff, Eckler. Hits—Vanstrom, Price, Bing 2, Zohaur, Jenzen, Houk 3, Fiddament, Sundin, Eaton 2, Bishoff, Eckler, Phillips. Walked—By Eaton 1, Musser 0. Struck out—By Eaton 6, Musser 3.

Outfield errors, in the opinion of experts and semi experts, lost the game Wednesday for Letterman WACs who were edged out 14-13, by softball players at Camp Stoneman.

The Letterman team was ahead 13-10 before the bottom half of the seventh inning when the opposition scored two runs. Next Wednesday's game will be against Fort McDowell WACs on the opposing team's field.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of 18 June to 25 June

MONDAY—High School Chours	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
A.F.E.C. Variety Stage Show	SSO	1830	Y.M.C.A.
Open House (Informal games, cards, etc.) Girl Hostesses—Refreshments	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—Movie "One Body Too Many" Jack Haley	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
USO Camp Show "PERK UP"	SSO	1830	Y.M.C.A.
WEDNESDAY—"Facts About Femmes"—Quiz on the fair sex	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Photographs taken by USO American Legion	RECON	1800	Y.M.C.A.
Sing in the Lobby	SSO	1830	Y.M.C.A.
THURSDAY — Portrait Sketching — Grace Goodyear	RECON	1400	Y.M.C.A.
Movie "Without Love" Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Music Time at the Piano	SSO	1800	Y.M.C.A.
FRIDAY—Topsy Turvy Part, Lotsa fun, Girls, Refreshments	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Ping Pong Tournament (Sign up in Recreation hall)	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Movie "Valley of Decision" Greer Garson	SSO	1730	Rec. Hall
Lobby Sing	SSO	1830	Y.M.C.A.
SUNDAY—Birthday Party—All patients invited. Hostesses—Cake and Punch	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Music Time at the Piano	SSO	1300	Y.M.C.A.
Social Time in the Lobby	RECON	1330	Y.M.C.A.

MORE ABOUT MYSTERIOUS VALLEY

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gifts to the natives, muslin or burlap cloth, costume jewelry, mirrors and salt, the last especially prized in New Guinea.

After one offering the group returned several days later; the package hadn't been touched. Still later they came back and everything had disappeared. Sergeant Pugh thought once he saw a piece of blue cloth strapped across a native's back but he was not sure; that was the only hint that their gifts were used.

It was apparent from their gear and environment, the sergeant said, that the communities are subject to continued warfare and are in a constant state of readiness.

Evaluating the chances of rescue for the Army officer, WAC and sergeant trapped, through a plane crash, in Shangri La, Sergeant Pugh said, "In my opinion they might be able to take in small observation cubs and evacuate them one by one. But if they go in overland, it'll be a very dangerous and hazardous operation. It will take days."

MORE ABOUT FRONT OFFICE CHANGES

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when Colonel Craft was upped to assistant executive officer.

Captain Moody is another of the Letterman veterans and during his current tour of duty he has gone from duty sergeant to captain. He is the "handy man" of the command and comes near to filling in any spot where the experience of an "old regular" is needed.

MORE ABOUT EVACUATION FACILITATED

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nished creature comforts to the hospital trains to the amount of $1,030.89.

At the time of activation in July of last year the unit consisted of 30 officers, 59 nurses, 435 enlisted men. At the present time the strength is approximately 122 officers, 90 nurses and more than 1700 enlisted men. The unit is under the command of Lt. Col. Algot R. Nelson, who brought it into being and has been its sole commanding officer. The train unit functions under the commanding general of Letterman General Hospital, Brigadier General Chas. C. Hillman.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

Fred Diernisse was undoubtedly the most popular man in the installation last Monday when he informed the feminine contingent here that they could pick the pansies in the patio. As soon as the word got around, everyone dashed to get a bouquet. **Virginia Lee Smith** and **Pat Wilson** were among the early arrivals and we saw **Mary Danicich** and **Mildred Ross** wandering into the PX laden with flowers. The poor pansies didn't have a chance when the invasion began.

Warren Conlin has returned from Monterey where he attended an Employee Relations Conference with **Mary Bensen** and **Esther Grobler.** We expect the hospital to be completely reorganized, for Warren is brimming over with new ideas. Mary and Esther will be back on Monday and things will start humming again.

The vacation trend this week is southward. **Donna Rae Cannon** has gone to Santa Barbara with **Pat Moyles.** They're going to let themselves go and relax on the beach for two weeks and return to work as fresh as daisies, ready to face anything down at R & E.

Esther Aguado, head Therapist from Reconditioning has gone to Los Angeles to visit her family. **Adrienne Winters,** also from Occupational Therapy is also on leave. Personally, we are looking forward to a journey to Oakland tomorrow. We'll be gone one whole day and simply cannot decide what luggage to take!

From the Medical Branch, **Leatha Swineheart** is recovering from a complicated wisdom tooth extraction. Get well soon, Leatha!

We welcome **Clara McCready** to the Employee Relations Section. She's a wonderful person, full of enthusiasm and vigor. She extends a hearty invitation to everyone to drop in and get acquainted. We can't imagine anyone better for straightening out all our problems. We hope that you'll be with us for a long, long time, Clara!

Have a nice week-end everyone! And don't get too sunburned, or you'll have a red face like **Pat Mockbee** did last week!

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Major Craighill's Visit Marks Her Return to USA

Major Margaret D. Craighill, MC, who has just returned to the United States from a 50,,000 mile inspection tour of war theaters, stopped at Letterman Wednesday to visit with Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, and other officers before leaving San Francisco to report back to the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D. C.

The Medical Corps major arrived in San Francisco Monday by plane from Honolulu, her last overseas stop in eight months of traveling, and she was planning to leave for the East Wednesday afternoon.

As the Surgeon General's consultant on the health and welfare of service women, Major Craighill made the plane trip on secret orders to gain first-hand information on women's living and health conditions overseas.

Starting in England and moving east, the major visited representative hospitals and WAC installations in rear and forward zones, checking on conditions for both Wacs and Army Nurses. Following each phase of her tour, she sent back reports and recommendations to Washington through the commanding general of the theater concerned.

Major Craighill's trip took her from England, to France, Italy, Egypt, Africa, the Persian Gulf, India, Burma, China, Ceylon, Australia New Guinea, Biak, the Philippines, Guam and finally Honolulu.

She was especially interested in checking living and working conditions, recreation and health, medical care, and women's general adjustment to service conditions overseas.

In reporting her findings, Major. Craighill asserted that women are surviving the overseas conditions very well. Their health is not being adversely affected and they have been very good sports about accepting the living conditions available to them.

Special consideration, she added, was being given women by their local commanding officers whenever possible and their living conditions were the best attainable under the circumstances.

Since May, 1943 the slender, gray-haired major has been in the Surgeon General's Office as consultant, at first primarily for Wacs, and later for Army Nurses and Red Cross workers assigned to the Army.

Under Major Craighill's direction

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FOR LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE

Sgt. James R. Iannone, of the reconditioning section, receives the Bronze Star medal from Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman for bringing about improved living conditions and better treatment for prisoners while he was in a German prisoner of war camp in France. The ceremony was held in the Letterman patio last Monday.

Letterman Sergeant Receives Award At Special Ceremony

At a special presentation ceremony Monday held in the patio Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General, awarded the Bronze Star Medal to Sergeant James R. Iannone, a member of the Letterman Detachment, for leadership and initiative demonstrated in a German prisoner of war camp at St. Nazaire, France, where he was a captive during the fall of last year.

From the platform in the east end of the patio General Hillman made the award while Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, executive officer, read the accompanying citation in the presence of several hundred patients and spectators.

Sergeant Iannone, as senior noncommissioned officer in the German prison camp, was responsible for bringing about improved living conditions and better treatment for the prisoners. He also administered to the sick and wounded and smuggled food and other necessities to those who were in close confinement on reduced rations. He enabled two other prisoners to escape by securing maps and important data for their escape.

Since reporting to Letterman for duty last March the sergeant has also received the Order of the Purple Heart award and the Combat Infantryman's Badge earned September 7, 1944 in action at Chantre, France, before he was taken prisoner by the Germans.

The sergeant's home is in Brooklyn, New York. He is assigned to the hospital's reconditioning section and came to Letterman as a fulfillment of his request to be stationed in California when he was returned from overseas last January.

PATIENT SAYS MEDICS NOT STOPPED IN OKINAWA FIGHT

Private Thomas Donoghue, a gay-eyed, joking Infantryman from New York, held a live Jap hand grenade under his left foot in the mud of an Okinawa foxhole to save the lives of two buddies.

Then he was shot in the arm and left for dead under the crumpled body of a Jap who had been killed on top of him, and was wounded in the right leg by enemy mortar shell fragments—all in one half-hour of a wild dawn "banzai" attack.

The sudden, concentrated fury of that fight still is a little bewildering to the lanky, 30-year-old veteran, whose succinct comment is, "It certainly was one hell of a morning."

Private Donoghue's wife, Mrs. Mary Donoghue, and their three children live at 225 East 28th Street in New York, where he was employed at the Stratton Arms Hotel before he entered the Army. He had served a previous enlistment at Fort Totten, New York.

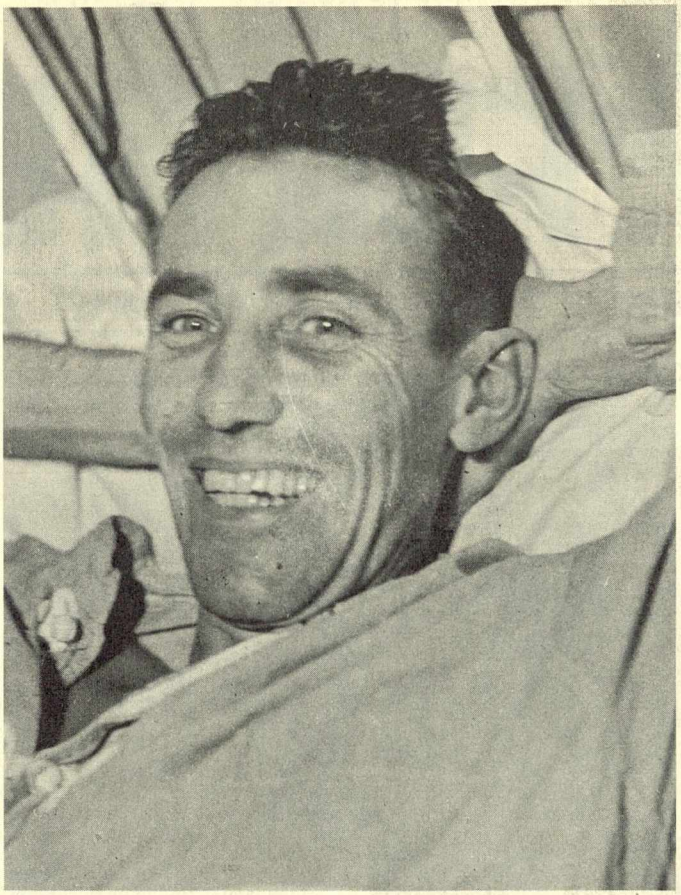
Evacuated to the United States for treatment of his multiple wounds after six months in the Pacific with the 77th Infantry (Statue of Liberty) Infantry Division, Private Donoghue told of his combat experiences in an interview at Letterman, where he arrived from overseas and was awaiting transfer to another hospital.

"Okinawa tops all the campaigns in the Pacific for any man who has fought there," he declared, "and my last morning was the toughest I ever saw. It topped everything for me.

"I had just come in off guard at 6 o'clock and was standing up in my foxhole looking around when this Jap hand grenade came sailing in and landed at my feet. My two buddies were both lying down, so I figured it was better for me to lose one foot than take a chance on both of them being killed. I tromped it down into the mud and stood on it.

"When the grenade exploded, it must have been a signal, because about 30 Japs suddenly popped into sight all around, and charged at us yelling and screaming. Everyone of them had a new M1 rifle—American Infantry rifle—which they had captured somewhere.

'Now, that M1 is a lovely weapon, and I would much rather be on the other end of it. Taking its fire, we found, is no joke.



Private Thomas Donoghue of New York, who risked a foot on Okinawa to save the lives of two buddies when a Jap hand grenade landed in their foxhole, is back in the United States for treatment of that wound and two others received in one half-hour of a wild dawn "banzai" attack.

"My two buddies scrambled out of the hole at once to get to their posts, but before I realized what they were doing, I thought they were deserting me. So I started to crawl down a shallow ditch toward where I thought the medical aid men were.

"As I crawled, a Jap fell across me wounded, and I thought I was done for sure. You know, they usually pull out hand grenades and kill themselves when they are wounded like that, so I just waited for him to do it.

"But he didn't. Instead, he looked up out of the ditch—and was shot squarely between the eyes. I had heard of men being shot like that, but I never had seen it. That Jap was, though, and right on top of me.

"At that instant, another Jap ran up the ditch and saw me wiggling trying to get out from under his dead buddy. He fired at me and I felt a slight pain in my left forearm. I didn't think I was wounded very badly, but I fell back and played dead as though he had made a good job of it.

"I'll remember that Jap as long as I live. Sometimes at night I can still see him pulling that M1 rifle and taking aim at me. What a rotten shot he was!

"He was cut down right after he shot at me, and by that time the Japs had begun to throw mortars in on us. Before I could get on to the aid station, I had picked up some hunks of mortar shell in my right leg, my left arm was beginning to hurt and my left foot was quite a mess.

"That kind of fighting doesn't stop the medics, though, and I was bandaged and evacuated in a few minutes after they got to me."

Private Donoghue, who earned the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, served in an antiaircraft artillery battery at Fort Totten from 1934 to 1937.

When he was inducted last year, he received Army Ground Forces basic training in the Antiaircraft Replacement Training Center at Camp Stewart, Georgia. He was transferred to an Infantry regiment at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for Infantry training, then joined the 77th Division overseas.

Before his regiment followed other Infantry units into Okinawa, Private Donoghue had been wounded in the first Ryukyu fighting on Ie Shima. It was on this tiny island that Ernie Pyle, the war correspondent loved by Infantryman around the world, was killed while with the 77th Division.

"It was a couple of thousand yards from where we were that he was killed," Private Donoghue recalled, "but the news spread as fast as if it had been broadcast on a radio. From one gun position to the next, and from foxhole to foxhole, the men shuted to each other, 'Ernie Pyle has been killed, Ernie Pyle has been killed.' You could hear it sweep clear across that island.

"My wound there wasn't so bad. We were advancing through a piece of low ground to hook up with another regiment, and we ran into a nest of camouflaged foxhles. The Japs poured in mortar fire, and I was struck in the back by fragments."

Private Donoghue received the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his two wounds.

UNDELIVERED POW NOTES GO TO NEXT OF KIN

Approximately 2,000 messages to next of kin, written by American prisoners of the Japanese as long ago as 1943, are now being delivered to addresses after being found on Corregidor, Ninth Service Command headquarters learned today.

GERMAN FACTORY MAKES TYPEWRITERS FOR U. S.

A German factory, capable of producing typewriters to write virtually every known language, has already turned out more than 2,000 machines for the United States Army since its capture, Ninth Service Command headquarters learned today.

WOMEN FROM FAR AND NEAR FIGURE IN LGH NEWS

WAC OFFICIALS HERE FOR INSPECTION

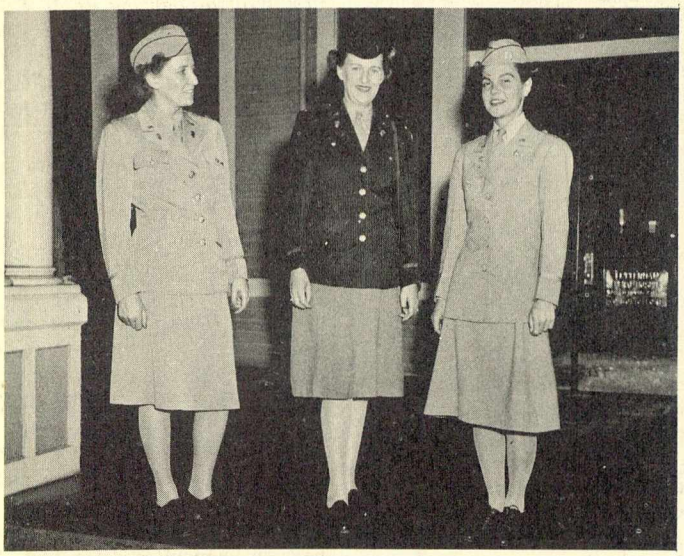
Major Helen Gardiner (left), WAC Staff Director for the Ninth Service Command, and Captain Margaret Stone (right), Inspecting Officer from the office of the WAC Director in Washington, D. C., pause for a picture with Lieut. Ernestine L. Stephenson (center) at the completion of their inspection of WAC housing here Monday.



COULD THEY BE DISCUSSING TELEPHONE SERVICE?
Kathryn Dirsa, telephone attendant, provides bedside telephone service to Pvt. Clyde I. Adams in ward M-1.

GOOD IDEAS FOR EFFICIENCY REWARDED

Major Leslie D. Snyder, MAC, Director of Personnel, gives Miss Eleanor G. Poskus a $10 check for her suggestion to reduce three forms used in the outpatient section to one efficient three-purpose form, while Mrs. Helen E. Diez of the filing section holds a check for $15 which was her reward for suggesting the use of a filing rack she devised to increase filing efficiency.

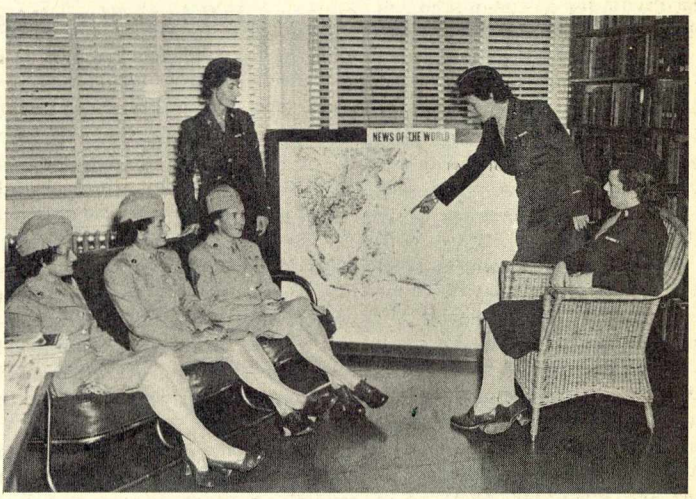






ARMY MEDICS TALK IT OVER

Colonel Brown S. McClintic, MC, Hospital Deputy Commander, discusses various phases of the Army's medical program with Major Margaret D. Craighill, MC, who stopped at Letterman before returning to the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D. C., after her return to San Francisco Tuesday from an eight months' inspection trip to overseas theaters of operations.



WAC PATIENTS BACK FROM OVERSEAS

(Left to right) Pvt. Elsie Jester, Pvt. Bertha Gordon, T/5th Gr. Ann Thompson, Pfc. Elizabeth Ross, Sgt. Wyne Ryan and 1st Lieut. Audrey R. Dice gather in the library to exchange stories of service in the Southwest Pacific theater where they were stationed in combat areas of the Philippines, Leyte and New Guinea.

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EDITORIAL

THREE FAITHS—ONE PURPOSE

A story has come out of the war about three boys who grew up in the same country, went to the same school, played on the same football team—and died in the same war for a common cause.

Their names were Kehoe, Foster and Ross—one a Catholic, one a Protestant, one a Jew. The Daily Evening Item of Lynn, Massachusetts, which reports their story, says that they were inseparable friends during their days at Swampscott High School where all three of them distinguished themselves on the football team.

Swampscott had a great team in the fall of 1939, due in large measure to the fact that Kehoe, Foster and Ross played on it.

Nineteen hundred and thiry-nine was a fateful year. Hitler marched into Poland in the fall of that year—during the very days when Kehoe, Foster and Ross were making football history at Swampscott. The war then seemed far off to most Americans. Perhaps, it seemed far off to these three boys, too. Who knows?

But if the war seemed far off, the reality of democracy was very close to them. On the athletic field of an American high school they were learning what democracy means. They were not of the same religious faith. But no one seemed to think that that made any difference to the part each one of them played in giving Swampscott a great football team in the fall of 1939—when Hitler, who persecuted Jews, Protestants and Catholics, marched into Poland.

Strange thing, isn't it? If Swampscott in 1939 was going to have the best football team at its command, it would have to use the talents of a Catholic boy, a Protestant boy and a Jewish boy. Strange thing, isn't it? If America in 1944 was to have a strong army to defend and to preserve democracy against the Nazis and the Japanese, who are committed to its destruction, it would have to be an army of Catholics, Protestants and Jews.

But not strange at all when you come to think of it. For America is not a country for the people of one race or one religion. America is a country for mankind.

Do we understand this truth even yet? How can anyone, facing the facts, condemn Catholics, or Protestants, or Jews—or raise the voice of slander against them? The point is that no one can—who faces the facts!

Patients Receive 145 Gifts

Once again students from Mission High School, accompanied by their counsellor, Mrs. Florence Millikin, brought gifts to Letterman patients Monday.

Their contribution for June included 145 practical gifts welcomed by returning servicemen awaiting evacuation to other hospitals.

The students who brought the generous supply of gifts were Joyce Briggs, Gloria Bates and Renee DuShane.

Contest for Patients

Patients with a long suppressed hankering to lead a band are being given their chance in a new Letterman radio production, Downbeat Derby, offered at 3 p.m. Wenesdays at the "Y."

Contestants volunteering from the patient audience take over direction of the 253rd AGS Presidio band and are judged for performance by fellow listeners and awarded prizes. This is the first special patient show to be given on the post.



Two of the famed Bataan and Corregidor nurses are among the recent additions to Letterman's ANC staff.

Lieutenant **Anne B. Wurts,** who was on Bataan and Corregidor before capture by the Japanese and eventual liberation, arrived here Monday night on her first United States assignment since her return. She holds a unit citation with two oak leaf clusters and the bronze star.

A resident of Leominster, Mass., the Army nurse has seen foreign service since October, 1941 at Fort McKinley, Manila and Bataan and Corregidor in the Philippines.

Lieutenant **Jeanne C. Harder,** who comes here from Santa Barbara redistribution center after serving 33 months in the Southwest Pacific area, entered the Army four years ago at Fort Ord. She trained at Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital, and is originally from North Fork, Idaho.

Also from Santa Barbara is Lieutenant **Nora E. Homelvig** of Amidon, N. D., who was in the Southwest Pacific area from July of 42 until last April. She was also stationed at Fort Ord before her overseas duty.

From Asheville, N. C., redistribution center comes Second Lieutenant **Leonora E. Funseth,** in civilian life a suture nurse in the operating room, and now a veteran nurse of the European war. She served in Africa, Italy and France. In this country she was at Fort Meade, Md., before beginning overseas duty. Her home is Buffalo, N. Y.

Lieutenant **Gertrude Hatzfeld,** of Cliffside Park, N. J., was in Puerto Rico from August, 1942 to October of last year. Since entering the Army in June, 1942, she has also served at one domestic station, Fort Hancock, N. J. Lieutenant Hatzfeld comes here from the Asheville redistribution center.

Second Lieutenant **Dorothy A. Cope,** of Oelrichs, S. D., who comes to Letterman from Hot Springs, Ark., redistribution center, has been in the Army since January, 1942 and overseas since June of that year. Her Pacific stations include Australia, New Guinea and the Netherlands East Indies from which she returned last January. She was also stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, a short time before going overseas.

Another Army nurse assigned to Letterman from Hot Springs is Lieutenant **Ruth C. Dryden,** of Louisville, Ohio, who was in hospitals of the Asiatic-Pacific area from October, until last March. She entered the Army in May, 1941 and in this country was stationed at Fort Eustis, Va.

From Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington, come seven new nurses who have just completed their basic training. They are Second Lieutenants **Gladys I. Compton, Irene Faus, Mary F. Howell, Eleanor Kronblad, Mary G. Ramirez, Cornelia N. Rochelle** and **Mary P. Shore.**

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, June 24, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Glee Club Organized

According to plans now being made, the newly organized WAC glee club, augmented with male voices, is to prove an important factor in entertainment of Letterman patients and personnel.

Chief Warrant Officer George Thams, a member of the music section in special services division of the Ninth Service Command, expressed this view Wednesday after several weeks' observation of musical activities at Letterman.

The glee club, which held its first rehearsal last week, meets at 6 p.m. Fridays at the Letterman club under the direction of the LGH band leader. It is now composed completely of WACS but eventually a male vocal section will be added. Emphasis will be on light operetta and semi classical selections.

Mr. Thams expects to be here another week before going on to Mitchell Convalescent Hospital in Campo, Calif., to look over musical activities.

WAC OF THE WEEK



BOBBIE ALLISON
Staff Sgt.

Equipping a fast growing detachment with the clothing it needs, when it needs it, is the job, and occasionally the headache, of Texas-born S/Sgt. Bobbie Allison, who came to Letterman as supply sergeant two months ago.

Small-built and athletic, with curly hair that defies even the straightening processes of San Francisco mist, Sgt. Allison was transferred here from Santa Barbara where she was also supply sergeant.

A soft drawl identifies this WAC noncom as a Texan and her interest in horseback riding further proves the fact. She first rode at the family ranch near Beaumont, Texas, before she was six, sitting on the horse ahead of her father. After she reached the six-year mark, she was considered a good enough horsewoman to ride alone.

Another of Sgt. Allison's interests is swimming in which she has her Red Cross instructor's certificate and which she taught, along with diving, for five summer seasons at Beaumont.

In her 29 months in, first, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and later the Women's Army Corps, the sergeant has not strayed far from supply work. At Camp White, Ore., a camp which she especially liked because of its scenic beauty, she worked in the quartermaster property office, in addition to her more recent assignments as supply sergeant.

Sgt. Allison's plans for the post-war future, though they may be hazy as to time element, are clear in outline. She is planning to have a dude ranch, tucked away in a corner of Texas near Beaumont, where she will be able to ride and hike and perhaps swim, and where pink clothing issue slips will be only a pleasant memory.

MARINER'S CLUB ALL-DAY EXCURSION ENJOYED BY ENTHUSIASTIC PATIENTS

At the invitation of the Mariner's Club of California, the Letterman Reconditioning Office made arrangements last week for 250 patients and about 60 members of the hospital's WAC detachment and nurses to go on a special all-day Sunday excursion trip to Antioch aboard the Army transport ship "Catalina."

When the busses from Letterman reached the Fort Mason Port of Embarkation they were lined up with other busses bringing patients and duty personnel from the Oakland Regional Hospital and the Oak Knoll Navy Hospital in addition to servicemen from the Treasure Island receiving station and representatives from all branches of the women's services.

From the docks of the port approximately 900 veterans from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps filed up the gang plank to be greeted by their hosts for the trip and by WACS, SPARS, Marines and Army nurses, dressed in wind-breaking winter and bright new summer uniforms, already on board. The scene was one of laughter and gaiety and relief occasionally expressed over the fact that the trip was an excursion and not an overseas voyage.

Once aboard the veteran passengers thronged the upper deck, watching the shore line as the boat pulled away. Leaving the port behind, they turned their attention towards the special attractions of the trip—points of interest along the way, inside dancing, sunbaths and uninterrupted loafing in the sunlight of top deck seats. These and other excursion day activities were available on the "Catalina," which was formerly used to take excursionists from Los Angeles to Catalina Island and is now serving to transport troops to embarkation point.

The Volunteer Port Security U. S. Coast Guard band provided the dance music for dancing below while outside on the upper deck an announcer made passing references to Alcatraz, Point Molati loading docks, Vallejo and Carquinez Straits and other points of interest all along the way until it was time to turn at Antioch and make the return trip.

Box lunches, cigarettes, Coca Colas and ice cream were furnished by the Mariner's Club and by various San Francisco firms connected with the shipping industry in quantities sufficient for 1500 excursionists.

All arrangements for the excursion were made by Commander A. T. Berry, USN, and members of his committee. Commander Berry, also marine chief of the Army Transport Service, was responsible for suggesting the excursion.

Toward the end of the trip group singing became the favorite diversion, and the dance band was swamped with requests to play old-time songs until it was time to dock.

Happy, sunburned and grateful for a very special day of relaxation and entertainment, more than 900 veteran patients and service men and women said their goodbyes and walked down the gang plank where Army and Navy busses were waiting to take them back to hospitals and other military stations in the bay area.

As a final tribute to members of the Mariner's Club, patients who waited until last to be helped off the ship were heard to say, "That's the best boat ride we ever had."

HOME TEAM SCORES AGAIN

Letterman Wacs, playing against the strongest opposition yet encountered, overpowered the Fort McDowell softball team 7-5 Wednesday on the rival team's ball field.

The Letterman team as a whole was described by local experts as playing "exceptional ball." Special recognition was given to Pvt. Helen T. Spiczko, catcher, newly arrived at Letterman who played semi-professional ball in Grand Rapids, Mich., before entering the army.

Also cited for good playing were Pvt. Eleanor J. Eaton, pitcher, who pitched one of her best games of the season; T/5 Elaine R. (Tiny) Jenzen, second baseman, and Pvt. Janet E. Vanstrum, first baseman.

Next Wednesday's game, against Fort Mason at the rival team's field, is expected to be the toughest tussle of the season.

ON THE SPOT



MELVIN E. SCHUPP
Pfc.

Private First Class Melvin E. Schupp, 20-year-old Parachute Infantryman from Long Beach, California, made two combat jumps during a year and a half overseas, but so far as the young rifleman is concerned personally, his outfit's down-to-earth Doughboy invasion of Negros Island in the Philippines was the toughest.

"I didn't join them there until five days after they made the beachhead," he said in an interview at Letterman where he was receiving treatment for a hip wound suffered on Negros.

"The jump on Corregidor put me out of commission. I chipped a bone in my knee as I hit the ground and was evacuated to the Luzon mainland after a couple of days.

"When I got back to the company on Negros, they were just getting into the hills, and it was bad business. The place was covered with jungle and high kunai grass that made the Japs hard to see. The Jap who hit me didn't see me either. A knee-mortar shell came across from the other side of a hill just before we reached the top, and a piece got me in the hip.

"Men from my platoon got me to the aid station pretty soon. They carried me back down the hill to a road and the rest of the way on a jeep."

Private Schupp, who has the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in ground action against the enemy, parachuted into combat for the first time last Fourth of July, on Noemfoor, just off the northern coast of New Guinea.

Before entering the service, he was a steel worker at Torrance, California. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Schupp, live at 6716 Lewis Avenue, Long Beach.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: Cpls. Thomas F. Howell, Peter J. Ricca and Crispin F. Lopez, appointed Sergeants; Cpl. Saul Katz, appointed T/4th Gr.; Pvts. Benjamin F. Morris, Oval W. Morris, Charles Wolf, Lawrence F. Rempel, Gim F. Yee, Franklin P. Reynolds, Ray B. Deaton, Arlen F. Duke, Early J. Brincefield, William E. Johnson, Max J. Ruderian, Harry A. Steed and Ralph C. Woolard, appointed Corporals; Pvt. Wong O. Wah, appointed T/5th Gr.

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Lucky GI's to be off to their homes on furlough during the week were: T/4th Gr. John D. Hurst, with 25 days; T/4th Gr. Raymond E. Ryckman, with 23 days; Pvt. Robert J. Speelman, with 21 days; S/Sgt. Roger E. Williams, Cpl. Donald C. Remick and Cpl. Julius Robbins, each with 17 days; Sgt. Scott G. Ross, Cpl. Thomas G. Paganin, T/5th Gr. Finas O. Musick and Pvt. Jack S. Albright, each with 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Adolph Gaydos back on his old job here at Letterman after spending the last year in training at Camp White, Oregon.

T/4th Gr. Wallace E. May looking like Mortimer Snerd with his "new" set of false teeth.

Sgt. Robert Harrington back at his desk in the detachment office after a pleasant furlough home.

Sgt. Angelo L. Leone telling his friends about the good time he had at the Russian River and recommending it for a place to go on a furlough.

M/Sgt. Theodore Schmirer now being called "Edwin" after operating a fire hose one day last week in the patio.

S/Sgt. Rudolph O. Schellhorn back from Redding, California, his home town, and now trying his luck at billiards.

Ipswich, Mass (CNS) — Unaware that his truck was afire, Driver Joe Blake gaily waved back at all the people who flagged their arms at him as he sped through town. He thought they were being friendly. Blake was halted by a cop just before the flames reached his cab.

FORMER LETTERMAN NURSE BACK FOR DUTY AFTER FOUR YEARS OVERSEAS



Lt. MAGDELENA ECKMAN, ANC.

Letterman holds much of the significance of home and more than a few memories of early Army days for Lieutenant Magdalena Eckmann, five months in 1941 before going overseas. During the intervening yeasr Lieutenant Eckmann was on Corregidor when it fell, and then she was interned by the Japanese and finally liberated last February. She returns now to work in obstetrics at Dante Annex.

After four event-packed years away from Letterman, the dark-haired Army nurse finds few of her colleagues still here. She notes seeing familiar faces around the hospital corridors but finds names difficult to remember.

Lieutenant Eckman has had little chance to look around Letterman since arriving last week but first impressions convince her of greater activity now than in 1941.

"There's much more of a bustle. I've noticed it at different times, but especially when I've been around watching the patients being evacuated," she said shortly after arrival. Along with increased activity, the Army nurse noted more corpsmen now and more help on the wards than she remembered during her former duty here.

Lieutenant Eckmann came from the Santa Barbara redistribution center where she had reported following a leave spent partially with relatives in San Francisco, her home. Her mother, Mrs. Johanna Eckmann, lives in San Andreas, California.

The Army nurse was returned to the United States February 24 after leaving the Philippines by plane the twelfth of that month.

Following training at Merritt Hospital School of Nursing in Oakland and postgraduate obstetrical training in Chicago, the lieutenant spent two and a half years on a Hawaiian plantation as a civilian obstetrics and surgery nurse before entering the Army.

Letterman was Lieutenant Eckmann's first station and, since Army nurses then received no basic training, it was also her first taste of Army life. Now, back again at Letterman, at her own request, the lieutenant is looking forward to taking up, as nearly as she can, hospital and San Francisco life where she left it almost four years ago.

WAC

In a double ring ceremony at the Presidio chapel, Pvt. Madeleine Bourque, Massachusetts WAC, was married last Sunday afternoon to Cpl. Bud Thedford, of Oakland Regional Hospital.

Chaplain (Major) A. E. Butcher, Presidio Chaplain, officiated at the ceremony for which Pvt. Malta Benge of Letterman was bridesmaid and Pvt. Johnny Underwood, of 1960 SCU Hospital Train Unit, best man.

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Trainees who completed their month's on-the-job training this week and are now full-fledged technicians are Pvts. Ethel M. Bash, Frances L. Black, Mildred C. Hendricks, Alta M. Johnston, Geraldine L. Krebs, Florence E. Love, Virginia S. Malmstead, Katherine M. McReynolds, Mary R. Russo, Delberta E. Sehring and Mary R. Walsh.

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For days Pvt. Trixie Allen, surgical technician, has been expecting her son to arrive at Letterman from overseas. She imagined she would be waiting to greet him when he reached the hospital.

Reality, however, took exactly the opposite course. Sunday afternoon when Pvt. Allen returned, with a busload of patients, from the boat excursion, she found her son, T/Sgt. Franklin W. Allen awaiting her.

He had come to Letterman by plane from Guam and learned through a friend where she was. During his three-hour wait, he said, he became familiar with every crack and board in the recreation hall.

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With increases in personnel—and warmer weather—numbers of furloughs and three-day passes are increasing also.

On furlough are Pvt. Gloria M. Walsh who is in Minneapolis with her husband, a liberated prisoner of the Germans; Pvt. Katherine M. McReynolds and Pvt. Patricia A. Quinn in Los Angeles; Pvt. Fannie J. Harwell in Bakersfield and Pvt. Jean B. Plehn at Long Beach.

Passes during the last week went to Pvt. Mary E. Dingle for Pismo Beach and Pvt. Catherine G. Dutton for Santa Cruz. Pvt. Mary A. McGowen and T/4th Gr. Karen M. Fuller were also away on pass.

CIVIL CIRCLES

The Laundry is getting into the swing of things and a number of its personnel have been dashing around the country on vacations. **Margaret Werli** has been sojourning at Buck's Lake Lodge in the mountains. **Sarah Yankel** is in Sacramento visiting relatives. Also out of town are **Pauline Kerber** and **Charlotte Saxon,** who has gone to the country with her husband. **Paula Bartels** will spend her vacation entertaining her sister, who has come from Honolulu, T.H. After a long rest and looking wonderfully well, **Adria Altenruether** is returning to work on Monday.

We're thinking seriously of having a "Husband Returned from Overseas Dept." The lucky girls this week are **Genevieve Mansur,** whose husband is on his way and **Dorothy Krahl,** who is leaving us today. Her husband very fortunately will be stationed in San Francisco for a short time and Dorothy is looking forward to doing absolutely nothing but play and be a lady of leisure.

After the usual period of anxious waiting, Helen Diez received the vital dispatch informing her that she is now a grandmother. In less than two seconds, Helen had pulled herself together and was off for San Diego to join her daughter in the general merrymaking over the new arrival.

From the Dental Branch, **Leonne Brennan** is leaving for Yosemite where she plans to participate in all of the activities offered at the park.

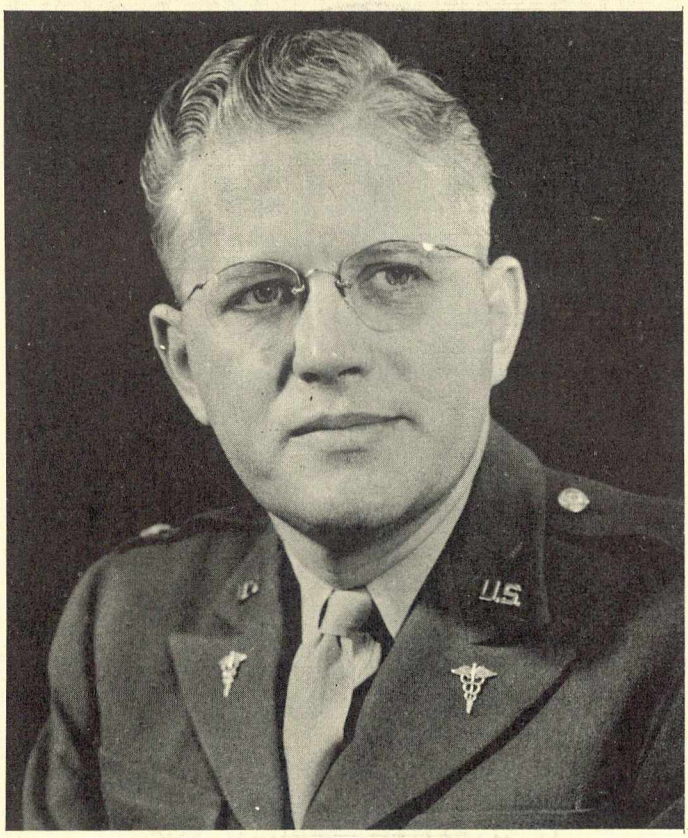
Marjorie Jones, Blanche Pritchard and **Mickey Fenn** tell us that they made a tour of Fort McDowell on Angel Island last week. They saw all the points of interest, went to a movie, and were, in fact, so reluctant to leave, that they very nearly missed the returning boat and had to leap aboard at the very last minute.

Foreign service has snatched **Verna Everett** from the Laboratory. She left for a tour of duty overseas with the State Department. It will be an exciting experience and we wish you bon voyage, Verna.

Helen Beckman from Military Personnel is back with us again after a lengthy absence. It's good to see her cheery smile!

Detroit (CNS)—This city's police force is being trained in the use of drunkometers. They will be used in an effort to cut down the number of auto accidents attributed to drunken driving.

VARIETY CHARACTERIZES LIFE AND INTERESTS OF ANESTHESIA CHIEF



Major ERNEST H. WARNOCK, MC.

In profession and in location the life of Major Ernest H. Warnock, MC, chief of the anesthesia and operation section, has been one of contrasts.

Major Warnock, who has been at Letterman since May, began professional life as mathematics teacher in a Cleveland high school, and, when his interests swerved to medicine after three years of teaching, he began working for his MD.

On receiving his degree, the major practised medicine three years, then went east where for two and a half years he specialized in anesthesia in Hartford, Conn.

Indiana was Major Warnock's home and the east was his field of practice but he wanted to go west. In 1939 he came to Los Angeles, more enthused than ever over the specialized field of anesthesia. As a civilian he worked in Los Angeles until November 1942 when he entered the Army medical corps.

Major Warnock's first Army assignment was in the anesthesia section of Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara. As the major continues his work in anesthesia, he notices a trend which is now evident in Army hospitals and which, he believes, will eventually affect civilian hospitals.

"Most anesthesia departments are also becoming responsible for the administration of oxygen therapy and for blood transfusions and other intravenous therapy."

Major Warnock's duties at Letterman also include that of anesthesia consultant for the Ninth Service Comamnd and director of the anesthesia instruction program which provides training for 10 medical men at once.

Of his work in anesthesia, the youthful gray-haired medical officer says, "I like my work very much and I've never regretted my decision to specialize in this field.

"It puts you on the spot though while you're on the job. You have to make your decisions quickly and they better be right because you don't get a chance to reconsider."

The major's wife and two children, a boy and girl, are temporarily making their home in San Francisco. When the war is over, he plans to return with them to Los Angeles and to civilian practice.

DANTE ANTICS

Promotion lists for the last two weeks show that Dante has three new Corporals, Frank Reynolds, Charles Wolf and Paul Ewing.

The wedding of Pfc. Robert E. Boyette and Miss Corrinne Cinquina, of the Receiving Office, took place Sunday, June 10, at St. Bridgid's Church, right across the street from Dante. After the ceremony and a reception at the bride's home, the newlyweds left on a wedding trip to Shreveport, La., the home of the groom.

Tomorrow, June 24, is the date set for the wedding of another popular Dante couple. They are Miss Mary Tibbetts, of the OB Ward, and T/4th Gr. Anthony Inserra, of the Medical Detachment. Miss Tibbetts was formerly a member of the Army Nurse Corps, and has been at Dante for many months. Both the bride and groom will be remembered as the stars of the last "DANTE FROLICS." After the ceremony the happy couple plan to leave for a short honeymoon trip at Lake Tahoe.

T/Sgt. Everrett Pierce has joined the ranks of the fathers with the recent addition to his family of a 6½ pound baby boy.

Lieut. W. J. Murray, Assistant War Bond Officer for Dante, announces that a gigantic War Bond Rally and Auction will be held at Dante on June 29 in the patients' solarium at 2:00 p.m. Valuable merchandise will be auctioned for Bond purchases, and entertainment will be furnished by the 1960 SCU Band.

Last week saw the transfer of four of our oldest local residents. Sgt. Elmer Steitz, T/5th Gr. Robert Nelson and Pfc. Louis Goldstein and Pfc. Donald Knoeffler have all been transferred to Letterman.

Our spies at the Detachment Day Room report that a red-hot ping pong round robin is going on there, with about 20 participating. T/Sgt. Charley Browne and T/5th Gr. Bob Purkey are the stars and manage to hold the table pretty considerably.

COST OF SUPPLYING SOLDIER INCREASES

Cost of supplying an American soldier food, clothing, individual and barracks equipment for one year has increased 14.8 per cent over 1944, it was announced today at Ninth Service Command headquarters.

News From Home

Atlanta, Ga (CNS) — Leroy Warr sat down under a sign in a war plant to smoke a cigaret. The sign broke loose, conked him, sent him to a hospital with a skull fracture. The sign said "No Smoking."

Indianapolis (CNS)—A woman stick-up artist tapped passer-by Charlie Whinney on the head with a brass-headed walking stick, relieved him of $125 and pinned this note to his waistcoat: "Sorry. Had to do it. Baby needs new shoes."

Jersey City, N. J. (CNS) — Sandy, a dog, arrested here recently for disturbing the peace, won his own case when he refused to bark in court. The judge took one look at Sandy, a 2-pound Mexican Chihuahua, and dismissed the charge of a neighbor that Sandy had kept him awake all night by barking. "It's doubtful," said the judge, "if that size of dog could disturb anyone."

Los Angeles (CNS)—Three thin ladies made a "clean" break from a local women's prison, by disrobing, soaping their bodies and slithering through the bars to freedom.

Milton, Mass (CNS)—The Rev Vivian Pomeroy, of the First Unitarian Church, has proposed that the marriage ceremony be changed so that the bridegroom's mother may give him away, just as a father gives away the bride.

New York (CNS) — Two men walked into the fur store of Phil Gottlieb, fleeced owner Gottlieb of $84,000 in mink coats, then hurriedly left. Gottlieb kept an eye peeled for the thieves for 3 weeks, finally spotted them during a 7th inning stretch at Yankee Stadium. He called the cops. The men were arrested and the furs recovered.

MORE ABOUT MAJOR CRAIGHILL'S VISIT

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the WAC medical training program was set up and she remains advisor in all medical matters for the Wacs. One of her achievements was the authorization of medical corps insignia for Wacs assigned to the Army's Medical Department.

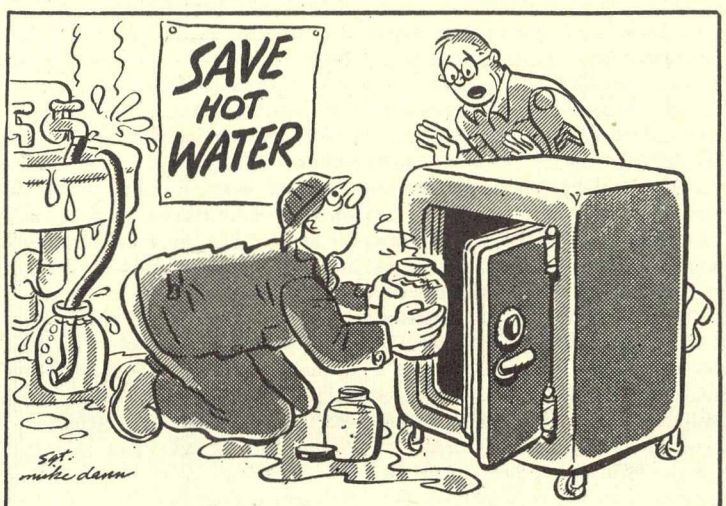
Before receiving her commission in the Army Medical Corps in May, 1943, Major Craighill was dean of the Women's Medical College in Philadelphia, the only institution of its kind in the world. She received her degree in medicine from Johns Hopkins University and practiced medicine in Connecticut until 1940.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE RECONDITIONING RED CROSS

For Week of 25 June to 1 July

MONDAY—Let Mr. Fleming Sketch You	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
"Are You Hep to Jive?" Son Quiz	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
'Round the Piano with Kate	RECON	1400	Y.M.C.A.
Portrait Sketching—Reed Selden	RECON	1730	Y.M.C.A.
A.F.E.C. Variety Stage Show	SSO	1830	Y.M.C.A.
Ping Pong Tournament (Professional)	ARC	1845	Rec. Hall
TUESDAY—A.F.E.C. Variety Show	SSO	1400	Wards
Ping Pong Tournament (Patient Entrants)	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Music and Variety Numbers in the Lobby	RECON	1815	Y.M.C.A.
WEDNESDAY—Afternoon of Magic	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Photographs taken by USO American Legion	RECON	1800	Y.M.C.A.
Sing in the Lobby	RECON	1830	Y.M.C.A.
Photo tinting by Jr. Hostesses	RECON	1830	Y.M.C.A.
Dog training exhibition (on the lawn)	ARC	1900	Rec. Hall
Downbeat Derby Band	SSO	1500	Y.M.C.A.
THURSDAY—Make a Talking Record	ARC	1400	Rec. Hall
Portrait Sketching, Grace Goodyear	RECON	1400	Y.M.C.A.
Music in the Lobby	RECON	1815	Y.M.C.A.
FRIDAY—Card Fortunes by Corinne	RECON	1430	Y.M.C.A.
A.F.E.C. Variety Show—Glen & Doro-Dorothy	SSO	1430	Ward S-1
Feature Movie	RECON	1800	Y.M.C.A.
"Derby Day" Party	ARC	1830	Rec. Hall
SATURDAY—Lobby Sing	RECON	1830	Y.M.C.A.
SUNDAY—Music Time at The Piano	RECON	1300	Y.M.C.A.
Social Time with Jr. Hostesses	RECON	1330	Y.M.C.A.
Municipal Chorus of 100 Voices in Patio	ARC	1400	Patio
Table Tennis Tournament	RECON	1500	Y.M.C.A.
Musical Program	RECON	1830	Y.M.C.A.



"No, Horwath. You've misunderstood the idea entirely."

The Stork Was Here

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Richard Shears,** a son, Thomas Lee, born 10 June, weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Ralph Wales,** a son, Gerald Douglas, born 11 June, weight 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Irvin Barnett,** a daughter, Judy Lynn, born 12 June, weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Robert Thometz,** a daughter, Mary Cornelia, born 12 June, weight 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Walter Yohe,** a son, Fred Lee, born 12 June, weight 5 pounds 10 ounces.

To CWO and Mrs. **Gerald Pagano,** a son, Thomas Gerald, born 13 June, weight 7 pounds 6 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **John Joseph Foley,** a daughter, Barbara June, born 14 June, weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Fawler Spencer Duckworth,** a daughter, Janet Lynn, born 14 June, weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Adolph Neumaier,** a daughter, Karen Lois Newman, born 15 June, weight 8 pounds 13 ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. **Gerald Fowls,** a son, Stephen Harold, born 16 June, weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Harry Thompson,** a son, James Michael, born 16 June, weight 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

12-LITTER AMBULANCE RECENTLY DEVELOPED

An improved ambulance, which will carry 12 instead of four litter cases, has been developed at the request of The Surgeon General, Ninth Service Command headquarters announced today.

The new ambulance provides such refinements as a heater for cold weather use, roof ventilating fans, window shades to provide privacy in traffic and individual electric lights over each litter.

U. S. HAS COFFEE PLANT IN MARSEILLES, FRANCE

Uncle Sam has gone into the coffee business with his own roasting plant in Marseilles, France, Ninth Service Command headquarters learned today.

Run by an Army captain and four enlisted men, the coffee plant is operated under a reverse lend-lease contract and turns out 12,000 pounds of coffee a day for troops in southern France.

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Letterman Nurses Give Reception For ANC Chief

Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, superintendent of Army nurses, was greeted by old and new friends Wednesday afternoon when approximately 70 members of the nursing profession gathered at the nurses' recreation hall to honor her at an informal tea and reception.

Candlelight and flowers decorated the tables set up for the occasion in the recreation room. Letterman nurses and retired women of the nursing profession, many of whom had known Colonel Blanchfield during previous service, talked with her about their former assignments and experiences.

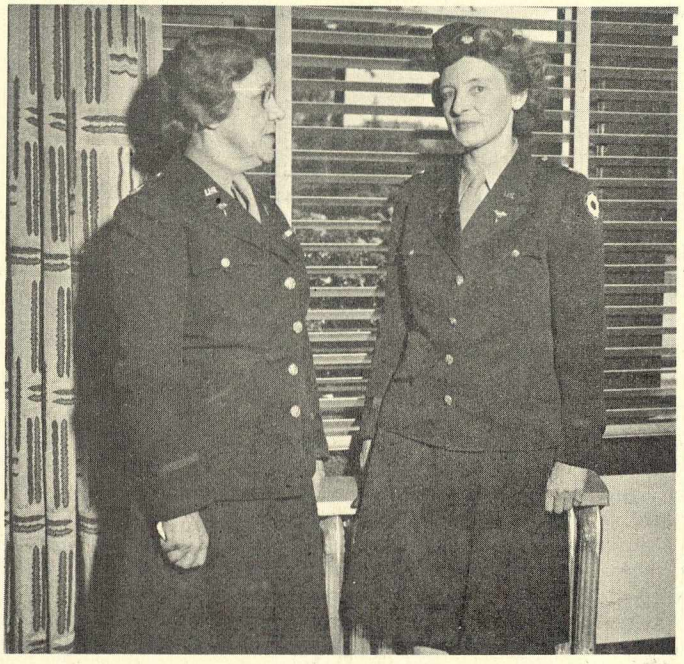
The Army Nurse Corps officer's visit constituted an unofficial stopover on her return trip to the surgeon general's office in Washington, D. C. She had just completed a tour of coast hospitals for consultation on the WAC medical training program.

Twice in her Army nursing career Colonel Blanchfield was stationed at Letterman, once in 1920 and again from the fall of 1921 to spring of 1922 when she left for foreign duty in the South Pacific where she served for more than two years in the Philippines.

The colonel came to San Francisco from Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Wash., and left Wednesday night for Washington, D. C.

Captain Alice M. Curto was in charge of the tea for which Captain Shirley M. Rierson and Lieutenant Myrtle M. Martin poured. Hostesses who passed refreshments were Captain Elizabeth E. Foster, Captain Margaret J. Giles, Captain Mary E. Tyrrell, Lieutenant Norma T. Hamilton, Lieutenant Rebecca Amend, Second Lieutenant Barbara Hartman, Second Lieutenant Lois F. Gebhart and Second Lieutenant Eloise Stickney.

As guests left, they were bid goodby by Colonel Blanchfield, Lieutenant Colonel Alma T. Skoog, a patient at Letterman, and Lieutenant Colonel Rosalie Colhoun. Colonel Skoog was chief of the nursing branch for the Ninth Service Command until recently succeeded by Colonel Colhoun.



HONORED AT RECEPTION

Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, Superintendent of Army nurses, from the Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D. C., and Lieutenant Colonel Rosalie Colhoun, Director of Army nurses in the Ninth Service Command, from Fort Douglas, Utah, attended the reception given Wednesday by Letterman nurses in the nurses' recreation hall.

Civil Service Pay Increase Bill is Passed by House

Civil Service employees here at Letterman and the nearby posts are watching with interest the fate of a bill recently passed by the House of Representatives which provides for a heavy increase in base pay of 15.8% for employees who are paid on a per annum basis. The bill is now in its final stages on the floor of the Senate and except for possible minor amendments, it is expected to pass and be signed by the President to become law on 1 July 1945.

In addition to the average increase in base pay, there is a change in the matter of pro rated overtime so that the average increase for overtime pay will be approximately 30% instead of 21.6% as at present. This feature may be subject to amendment or slight alteration before ratification by the Congress.

Another feature of the bill is that within grade promotions become effective every 12 months for those salaried up to $3800 and every 18 months for those salaries $3800 and over.

It is quite probable that the War Department jobs at Letterman Hospital and in the surrounding military installations will continue far into the future. The increased activity in the Pacific area will make necessary the services of many new employees. This proposed increase in salary will make the positions more attractive than ever and give a degree of permanence which should make employment here at Letterman very desirable.

INFANTRY TREASURES WEAPONS ABOVE ALL THINGS

In the bloody fury of Okinawa, where a medical aid man was killed while working over him and he saw rifle platoons and companies decimated in a matter of minutes, Private First Class Nelson R. Mooney learned why an Infantryman treasures his weapons above all things.

The 24-year-old veteran, son of Roy Mooney of R.F.D. 2, England, Arkansas, fought as a Browning automatic rifleman in the 96th (Deadeye) Infantry Division, winning the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

Private Mooney spoke softly, sometimes reverently, when he talked of comrades who fell beside him on Leyte, then later on Okinawa when the Infantry rammed its front lines to within less than 400 miles of the Pacific enemy's homeland. And he was proud when he told of his weapons.

He is back in the United States because of arm wounds received on Okinawa, evacuated part of the way by ambulance plane, and was interviewed at Letterman where he awaited transfer to another hospital for treatment.

"My division went through some of the toughest fighting in Leyte," he recalled, "but everything else seemed pretty tame after the first few days on Okinawa. That island is all of the Pacific battles rolled up into one.

"I discovered one thing. An Infantryman has nothing to fear in a small-arms fire fight with the Japs. We have better weapons all around, we are trained better, and we have better leadership. Any Infantryman has a better than even chance of coming out of a fire fight.

"Our platoon leader asked me to be a squad leader, which meant a promotion. But it also meant turning my BAR over to somebody else, and I told them I didn't want the job. He understood."

Private Mooney, who was overseas a year with the 96th Division, received his basic training with that organization at Camp Adair, Oregon.

The Japs had their crack troops and best equipment on Okinawa, he asserted, and the campaign is testing American Infantry tactics and power as no other Pacific fighting has done.

"For example," he said, "we took a ridge one day, and the Japs threw three huge 'Banzai' counterattacks at us that night. My company alone was officially credited with killing more than 500 Japs in those three charges, yet the Japs were able to push us off the ridge before morning.

"We took the ridge again the next day and held it, but we didn't have enough men to hold it that night. They had artillery and mortar fire ranged in on it perfectly, and their men charged right through their own barrages.

"In case you wonder about how tough the Japs are, I can tell you.

"A Jap officer, a huge fellow, charged straight at me that night. All he had was a long saber, and he started for our lines swinging it around his head and yelling.

"I let him get to within 25 yards of me so I would be sure to hit him, then opened up. I poured exactly 40 slugs into that man before he dropped less than five yards away.

"Every other bullet in my BAR was a tracer, because it was at night, and I could see the tracers going clear through that Jap—every one of them. So he must have been catching the other slugs, too. But it took 40 to stop him."

The Infantry has every possible support on Okinawa, Private Mooney said, yet the foot soldier's job has to be done the foot soldier's way.

"Navy guns were working on Jap positions in front of my division," he related, "and there were dive bombers overhead all the time bombing and strafing. We had huge amounts of artillery, and we riflemen went right up behind the barrages in our attacks."

Private Mooney was wounded in the left forearm and right shoulder during an attack on a Jap machinegun pillbox, and had to make his own way back to a battalion aid station after a company medical aid man was killed while bandaging his arm.

"When we moved out to attack that morning," he recalled, "the Japs started throwing their heavy mortars in on us. An artillery barrage had gone ahead of us, but some Jap guns were still firing.

"Six of us spotted a machinegun, and were working up to it carefully to attack with hand grenades, then bayonets, when a Jap mortar shell landed. It killed the Jap machinegun crew, killed three of us, and wounded the other three.

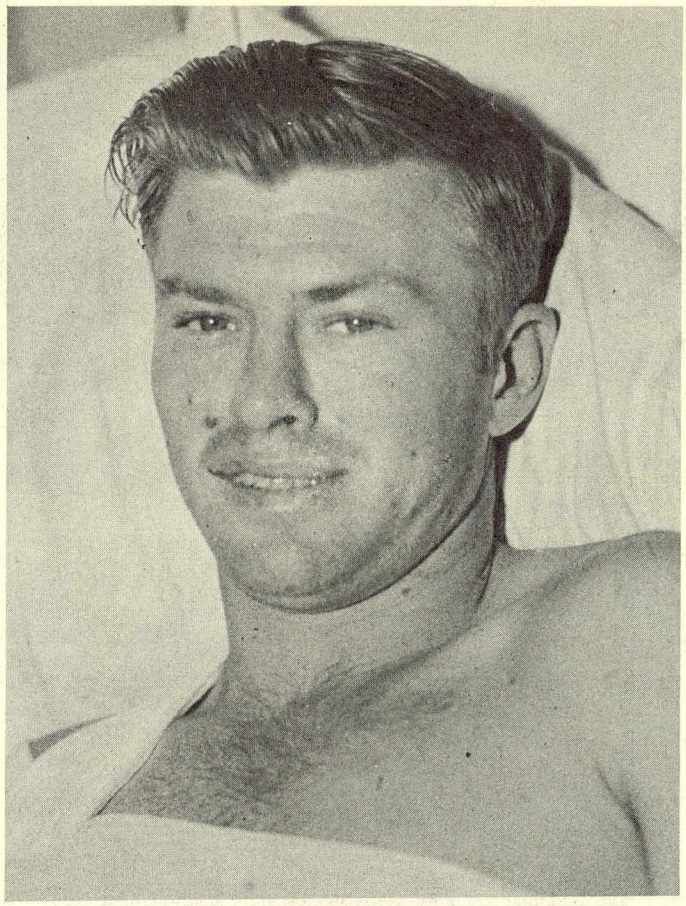
"A medic got up to us within a few minutes, maybe no more than a few seconds, and was putting a tourniquet around my left forearm to stop the bleeding when another mortar shell exploded. He was killed, and fragments of the shell struck me in the right shoulder.

"I knew then that I had to make it by myself, because the other two men were more seriously wounded than I was. I held the tourniquet on my arm, and set out for the air station as hard as I could run. It was about 400 yards back, but I made it all right.

"Before I was treated, I directed medics to where my two buddies were, and they were brought in later.

"We caught hell on Okinawa, all right, but my BAR took care of a good many Japs in the 19 days I was in action there. I know for sure that I killed 26 of them and there may have been more."

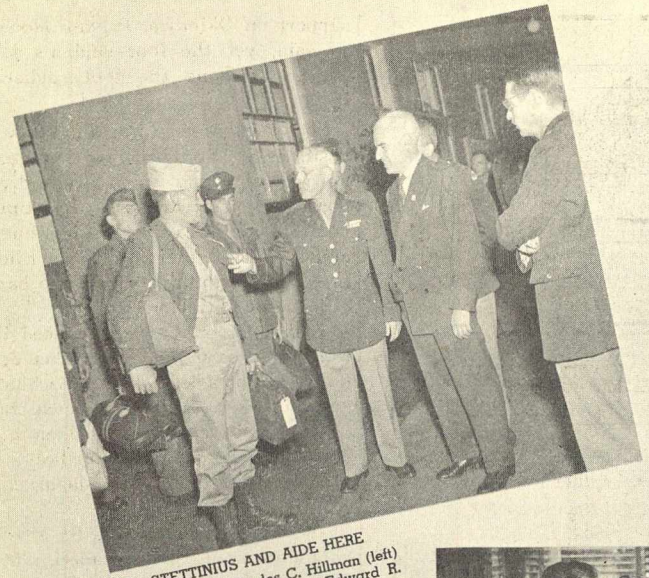
In addition to the Purple Heart for his wound, Private Mooney has the Distinguished Unit Badge for a citation received by his regiment on Leyte, and wears the Philippine Liberation campaign ribbon granted by the Philippine government. He has campaign stars for the Philippines and the Ryukyus campaigns.



Pfc. NELSON R. MOONEY

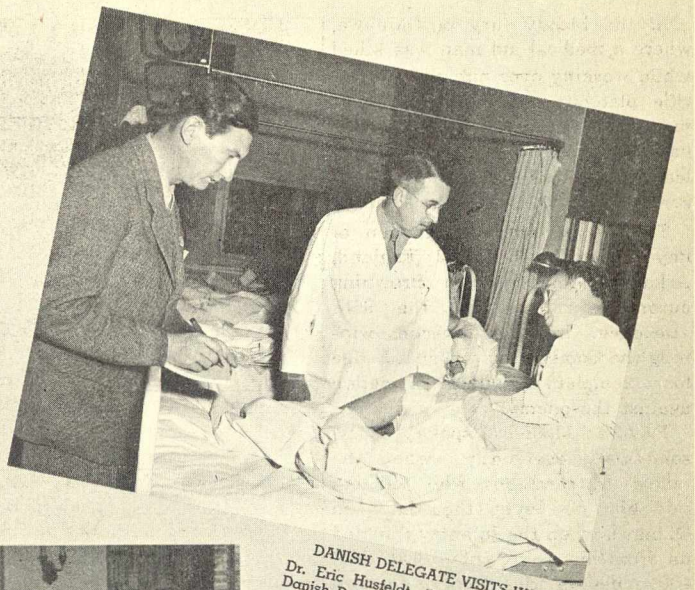
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CONFERENCE DELEGATES AND OFFICIAL VISITORS



MR. STETTINIUS AND AIDE HERE

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman (left) explains to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., (center) how a Letterman patient, Pfc. Joseph Ostrem, is tagged for evacuation. Major Terence L. Tyson, (right) MC, Military Aide to Mr. Stettinius, accompanied the Secretary of State on his recent visit to Letterman.



DANISH DELEGATE VISITS WARDS

Dr. Eric Husfeldt, (left) a member of the Danish Delegation attending the San Francisco Conference, is also a professor of surgery at the University of Copenhagen. During his visit to Letterman this week he was accompanied through the surgical wards by Lieut. Colonel John D. Lamon, Jr., Chief of the Surgical Services Branch, who is seen here discussing surgical treatment given Pfc. Francis Laughlin in Ward D-1.



NURSES GATHER AT RECEPTION

Colonel Florence Blanchfield, supervisor of nurses in the surgeon general's office at Washington, D. C., chats with (left to right) Lieutenant Eleanor Flymate, Lieutenant Roberta Sloan, Captain Alice Curto and Captain Mary Taro at a reception given in her honor Wednesday at the nurses' recreation hall.

GENERAL TU HERE AS PATIENT

Lieutenant General Chienshih Tu, now a patient at Letterman, is a member of the Chinese Delegation to the Conference. General Tu is pictured here talking to Helyn Lum, a senior cadet nurse at the hospital.



BRITISH OFFICERS CALL ON COMMANDING GENERAL

Major General A. W. Lee, Deputy Quartermaster General of the British Army Staff in Washington, D. C. (left) and Major Harry R. Baker, Deputy Assistant in San Francisco (right) pause for a picture with Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman (center) during a recent visit to Letterman.



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EDITORIAL

UNITY

This week has witnessed the closing of the United Nations Conference on International Organization.

We in San Francisco have been so close to the scene of operations that it is quite possible the glamor of the occasion has obscured the achievements wrought by the delegates from the 50 member nations.

It was no small accomplishment to so arrange matters that such a large group of men with diverging interests could find a basis for common agreement on questions affecting the weal of the world.

The completed charter is not a perfect document. No one has looked for perfection, though still hoping to attain that height. The charter has demonstrated that men can get together and arrive at some conclusions on the subject of international organization.

It is the beginning of the full realization that we live in one world; that there is a community of interest which pertains to all people regardless of national boundaries, and that interest is best served by unity in thought and action.

The conference has made Unity possible and from now on the task of the member nations will be to make it practicable.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Major Joseph Brennan wearing those new golden leaves with becoming modesty.

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Lieuts. Donald Lewis, Al Taro and Vaughn Deranian in animated conversation. Something about going some place.

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Captain Virginia Sanderson and Lieutenant Betty Lewis proudly wearing the highly prized identification badges given the delegates to the United Nations Conference.

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Upped from second to first lieutenant—Marguerite J. Krause, Emma L. Webster and Katherine L. Seelye. All of them favorite dietitians—and good ones. Congratulations.

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Lieut. Colonel Richard E. Humes, county squire from Atherton, looking over the bargains at the Post Exchange.

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A grand group of retired Army nurses at the reception to Colonel Blanchfield including Captain Dora E. Thompson, Captain Margaret Knierim, Lieutenants Carrie Howard, Jane Ellwanger, Lucy Zurcher, Ann Williamson, Edith Rutley, Frances Poole, Elida Rogers, Etta Staub, Mabel Ford, Mary Ford, Margaret Bell, Deborah Richter, Margaret McCarthy, Margaret Hennessey, Elizabeth Kenny, Jessie Thompson, Maude Jackson, Minnie Musselman, Agnes Witcher, Amelia Goodine, Edna Beyrer and Jeanette Erdenberger.

PERISCOPE TOP IS FAVORITE TARGET

The periscope atop Army tanks is a favorite target for enemy snipers, Ninth Service Command Ordnance office said today.

Every tank carries a dozen or so spare periscopes and an additional number of heads so that if the sniper hits his mark, the damaged equipment can be replaced quickly. The parts are replaceable from inside the tank.

Muskogee, Okla (CNS)—When her husband was jailed for failure to pay his first wife's alimony, Wife No. 2 sent the court clerk $140 to square the bill. "I want him home again," said she.



Six promotions from second to first lieutenant headlined Letterman ANC news this week. Nurses who have exchanged their gold bars for silver are Lieutenants Margene Brown, Glenna Denton, Celesta Johnson, Adeline Slovack, Werna T. Thompson and Adele M. Zukas.

Most of the new first lieutenants were recently added to the Letterman staff both at the main hospital and at Dante. Lieutenant Brown, who was at Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Wash., came to Dante May 2; Lieutenant Johnson, of Denver, who had 34 months in the Pacific area, came April 19 and was assigned to the annex.

Lieutenant Slovack, who came here from Pasadena General Hospital, arrived for duty at the East Hospital May 23; Lieutenant Denton came to Dante April 29; Lieutenant Thompson, who served in the African theater and in Italy, was assigned to Dante June 11 from the Asheville, N. C., redistribution station and Lieutenant Zukas, also from the North Carolina station, arrived at Letterman May 11.

Second Lieutenant Minnie M. Roberts and Lieutenant Kathryn Kurka arrived here this week on assignment from the redistribution station at Santa Barbara while Captain May D. Hanawalt left Letterman for DeWitt General Hospital, Auburn, California.

Among those away on leave are Major Ruth Wagner, who is spending 30 days at her home in San Francisco; Captain Shirley R. Timewell at home in Los Angeles until July 4 and Second Lieutenant Angelina Panero at Fort Sill, Okla., for 10 days.

Lieutenant Eileen Badgett was expected back Saturday from a five day leave, and Captain Jessie A. Whytoshek returned this week after spending some time in Oregon.

First Lieutenant Ann B. Bakalar writes from the ETO to hold up mail for a better address. Could be that she might be seeing us soon again.

Chicago (CNS) — Edward Stepek, 31, a peeping-tom, was set free and fined but $10 by a local court after he promised to leave his binoculars at police headquarters. He had been convicted of spying on a soldier and his girl friend.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 1, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.

Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.

In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Wedding Bells

St. Louis, Mo., 26 June: First Lieutenant Elizabeth E. Reese, Wac, Public Relations Officer at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Wash., and Lieutenant Joseph Stanley Pennell, U. S. Army, retired, were married here today by Judge Lisp at the County Court House.

Lieutenant Reese was formerly Public Relations Officer at Letterman General Hospital, where she first met Lieutenant Pennell, who was a patient. The groom is nationally known as the author of "The History of Rome Hanks" a best seller of last year's books.

Progress

Letterman officials announced Thursday that two major hospital projects, the new hospital annex and the gymnasium and associated swimming pool, are near completion.

The gym, located opposite the Letterman club near the Richardson avenue gate, is expected to be finished within a week and the swimming pool, housed in an adjoining building, shortly thereafter.

In addition to strictly sports facilities, the gym will have a large program studio which may eventually be equipped for broadcasting. Facilities will be available to both Letterman patients and duty personnel.

The hospital annex at Crissy Field is expected to be opened by mid-July and will accommodate 780 patients. It will have its own recreational, as well as medical, facilities. Landscaping and beautification of the bay front, which borders the annex on the west, are being planned.

WAC OF THE WEEK



ADELINE BROWN
Pvt.

After living with her Marine husband in 30 states as well as in China, Cuba and Hawaii, Pvt. Adeline Brown joined the Army and returned to her home state of California for assignment at Letterman.

She has been stationed here since May 16 and has just completed her final month of medical technician training. Previously, Pvt. Brown took the two month WAC medical technician course at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she also took her basic training.

At the time of the Pearl Harbor attack Pvt. Brown was living in Hawaii with her husband, Master Gunnery Sergeant Walter E. Brown, who had then served 20 years in the Marine Corps. Early on December 7, 1941 they were driving to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel to play tennis when Jap planes came over, heading for the harbor. From the road, and later from her home seven miles from the harbor, Pvt. Brown saw the smoke and flame, felt the concussions and heard the roar of falling debris.

Two days after the bombing Pvt. Brown was evacuated to her home in San Diego, where her husband joined her three weeks later. He was stationed in this country until June, 1942 when he went with the Marines to the Pacific and was killed November 25, 1943 in the Tarawa campaign.

Pvt. Brown enlisted in the WAC February 6, 1945 in San Diego. While in the Army, she plans to use educational facilities to obtain her high school diploma and secure the college credit prerequisites for civil service social work. Her postwar occupational plans are centered around social work with emphasis on delinquency problems.

Buckos Undefeated In League Games

The Letterman-Presidio Buckos, undefeated in Ninth Service Command League play, have a busy week end in store for them.

Saturday afternoon they meet a strong Fort Scott nine on the Fort Baker field. Then on Sunday, the Benicia Arsenal Club invades the Presidio for a league game on the Presidio diamond. Game time is 1500.

The team has entered the state semi-pro tournament to be held in early July.

All in all, prospects are bright for a very successful season.

Comprised almost entirely of former professional players, the Buckos have won 12 and lost 4 games against the strongest service and civilian teams in the Bay area.

Report Bond Sales

Taking an active part in the Seventh War Loan drive which ends today, Letterman military and civilian personnel brought their total cash purchases in May to an approximate $22,120 and through June 27 to $13,420, cost value. April cash sales totaled $2,853.

ETO Vets Ready To Tackle Japs,

Okinawa (CNS) — ETO vets won't need much in the way of retraining for their chores in the Pacific, Gen Joseph W. Stilwell, CG, Army Ground Forces, thinks. He made this statement after looking over the battleground on this island and Luzon. Stilwell is responsible for the training of all ground force personnel prior to departure overseas.

"War is pretty much the same all over," he told correspondents. "Troops coming from Europe could pick up this cave-and-tomb warfare in a week. No extensive retraining will be necessary. They won't have to change their tactics very much.

"The end of the war in Europe already has made itself felt in a freshening stream of replacements coming to the Pacific. Division commanders are very much pleased with the quality of these replacements. We are getting the best soldier material you can find anywhere.

"Ask any commander what he wants and he'll tell you—a good physical specimen, well disciplined and with some idea of squad and platoon tactics. He can readily teach him the specialties."

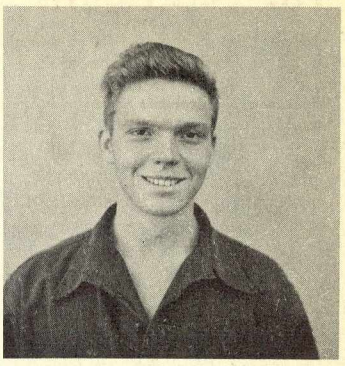
Gen Stilwell predicted that when our GIs take on the main Jap forces, they may meet an enemy who does not hole up in caves and fortifications as he has done in the Marianas, Iwo, and Okinawa.



LETTERMAN-PRESIDIO BASEBALL CLUB

Front row (left to right): Tommy McClintic, bat boy; Sergeant Adolph Gaydos, short stop; Private John F. Murphy, second baseman; Corporal Albert Giovanetti, third baseman; Pfc. Stephen Mayton, right field; Sergeant Theodore Coffey, pitcher; Corporal Jack Harney, assistant manager. Second row (left to right): S/Sgt. Merle West, manager, T/Sgt. Ernest Brensel, left field; Captain Andrew R. Edwards, Jr., first baseman; Sergeant Russell Woods, catcher; Pfc. William Wrist, center field; 2nd Lieut. John Miller, right field.

ON THE SPOT



JOSEPH A. McCULLOCH, Jr.
Pvt.

Hereafter, when you speak of a chocolate drop to Private Joseph A. McCulloch, Jr., of Rochester, Michigan, he will think of the hill by that name on Okinawa, where he fought as a machinegunner in the 77th Infantry Division.

It was on "Chocolate Drop," a steep, conical elevation dominating a large portion of the island, that the handsome, 18-year-old Infantry veteran was wounded in the right arm by fragments of a Japanese mortar shell.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. McCulloch of 3055 Melvin Street, Rochester, he is back in the United States for treatment of the wound.

Private McCulloch, who joined the famous "Statue of Liberty" Division in the Pacific after basic training in the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Fannin, Texas, spoke with unconcealed pride of his outfit and his branch of the service.

"The Infantry is the best branch," he declared in an interview at Letterman, where he awaited transfer to another hospital, "and the 77th Division is the greatest of them all. Those men are a fine bunch."

Private McCulloch was in a heavy weapons company machinegun squad, and earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. He was wounded as his platoon's machineguns were being moved up to support the rifle companies assaulting Chocolate Drop hill.

"When the riflemen advanced," he explained, "our machinegun fire over them gave cover by keeping the Japs too busy to fire on them.

Evanston, Ill (CNS)—Les Belgrade bought a hard-earned steak, entrusted it to his trained cocker spaniel to carry home. Missing to date: One steak. One dog.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: T/Sgt. Vaughn G. Yeomans, appointed M/Sgt.; Sgt. Lowell G. Buettner, appointed S/Sgt.

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Lucky GI's to be off to their homes on furlough during the past week were: Pvt. Ray E. Thomas, with 25 days; Cpl. Frank J. Malsom, Pvts. Paul L. Courtney and John J. Parkinson, each with 23 days; T/4th Gr. Everett W. Berry, T/4th Gr. Carl L. Myers, T/5th Gr. Wong O. Wah, Pvt. Carl L. Myers, each with 17 days; S/Sgt. Carroll D. Dykastra, Sgt. Manuel R. Freitas, T/4th Gr. Lloyd H. James, Pvts. Gino A. Minois and Verne Buckle, each with 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Pvt. Randall V. Hendrick being married last Saturday to Miss Helen L. Richardson in the Post Chapel. Congratulations, Hendrick!

S/Sgt. Harold Junso once again back at his desk in the finance office after a visit home.

Sgt. Kenneth L. Chesney looking for a place to hide so he can do the Bed Report without any interruptions.

Sgt. Robert L. Colvig counting his buttons to see if they're all there—on his jacket.

The enlisted personnel well represented in the tennis doubles tournament which has just started.

Sgt. Scott G. Ross back on duty and looking very well after a convalescent furlough following an appendectomy.

Cpl. Woodrow H. Schenebeck keeping himself busy these nights chasing men for emergency duty and finding the task rather difficult.

Cpl. Andrew J. Monahan finally getting a pair of whites that don't make him look like he is going wading.

Idaho Falls, Ida (CNS) — A Mexican farm worker from nearby Fort Hall had his picture taken here, wrote his name and address for the photographer and departed. The photographer then discovered he couldn't read the Mexican's writing. So he made another print of the picture, pasted it on the wrapper with "Fort Hall, Idaho" written under it. P.S. The picture reached its destination.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION OFFICE HEADED BY NEWLY ASSIGNED OFFICER



Capt. MARY L. HOUSE

Assignment to Ninth Service Command stations has become something of a habit for WAC Captain Mary L. House, new chief of the information and education branch, who has been in this command throughout her Army career —and likes it.

Captain House arrived at Letterman early last week to take over information, orientation and educational reconditioning duties formerly fulfilled by Captain Andrew R. Edwards. Captain Edwards remains head of the Special Service branch.

The WAC captain's interest in education goes back to civilian days in Willard, Ohio, where for eight years she was head of the Willard Memorial library, an institution which she helped to found and later to expand.

Captain House entered the WAAC August 15, 1942, in Cleveland and the following September was commissioned second lieutenant at Fort Des Moines.

Her first assignment was western pioneering, minus the decorative trappings. With another WAC officer, Captain House went to Service Command Headquarters, Fort Douglas, Utah, as administrative officer for WAC recruiting in the Utah district. They were the only representatives of the WAC in the Salt Lake City area, the first assigned WACs in Utah and two out of a handful of WACs in the entire command. Not until the February following their arrival did they begin receiving enlisted personnel assigned to recruiting.

Captain House was also among the first WAC officers accepted for attendance at the Adjutant General's School in 1943. She was assigned to the Washington district recruiting headquarters in Seattle before returning to Fort Douglas last April as WAC recruiting processing officer for the command.

When the number of personnel on recruiting duty in the Service Command was reduced to a minimum last April, Captain House was selected to attend the school for personnel services in Lexington, Va., before taking over her new assignment at Letterman.

WAC

Chance conversations with patients last Saturday in the mess hall made possible the reunion of Pvt. Helen Mann Davis and her son, S/Sgt. Edwin Wesley Mann.

Pvt. Davis, talking with the newly arrived veterans, learned that her son had returned with them. She had not known that he was being brought back from Biak and her son, in turn, did not know she was stationed at Letterman.

With the assistance of several patients, Pvt. Davis located Sgt. Mann. They met, the first time since October, 1943.

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The second 100-member group of Letterman WACs, comprising the 87th WAC Medical company, was activated Friday, following activation of the 86th company two weeks ago.

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On furlough this week were Pvt. Jeanette M. Benedict, Sgt. Dorotha Fassett and Pvt. Vincenta M. Membrila. Pvt. Margaret J. Elam and Pvt. Margaret J. Baird had three-day passes.

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Area Angles

New ex-basics turning corners with the inevitable, "By the right flank, march!"

Twenty-eight members of the 86th Medical company spending evenings with needle, thread and measuring tape—and a handful of chevrons.

Brooms and mops moving at top speed in the two newly opened barracks, near the trolley lines, where Dante girls and last Saturday's 67 new arrivals are getting settled.

Rapid and continuous upspurts in the strength report with figures early this week tentatively set at 251.

Students totaling 110, with 80 of them taking their on-the-job training at Letterman and 30 at Dante. Of these, 43 are surgical technicians and 67 medical.

Detachment Dance

Several hundred detachment men and women glided across the sleek floor of the Letterman club Thursday night to the music of the Letterman Hospital orchestra. It was the second detachment dance since they were resumed as a bimonthly entertainment feature the beginning of June.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

Greetings, friends! Another month is just about over and Lettermanites are deeply engrossed in summer vacation plans. Some of us prefer roughing it in the mountains, some go for a fling at night life, and some are more than content to just succumb to Morpheus and relax at home, which sounds like a good idea. It also sounded good to Clara Langston, who will be back with the fold on Monday.

Now for the activities of the Registrar's Office. The very first ones to reach Tokyo in the 7th War Loan Drive, they receive our hearty praise for their patriotism. Congratulations!

Lillian Taylor is recovering from a series of allergy tests, and, as she so aptly expressed it, her arm looks like a pin cushion. Lillian tells us that **Marjorie Ball,** that very charming redhead is leaving us to join her husband who will arrive home in the near future. She plans to accompany him on a bit of shore duty. We'll all miss you, Marj!

Elise Gardner is back after entertaining her son before his overseas assignment. Having completed his training as gunner on a B-29, he left Thursday and we all wish him Godspeed.

The call of the wild lured **Mary Belle Cameron,** who is back from Clear Lake and none the worse for wear. She caught 30 fish, and her husband, in his enthusiasm, fell in the lake. Mary, typically feminine and helpful, stood by simply screaming with laughter. They had a glorious time and were reluctant to return.

The surprise of the week was the announcement of **Helen Fogarty's** wedding. The very lucky bridegroom was Sgt. **Mervin Gootherts.** The couple went to Reno for the ceremony. Sgt. Gootherts will be stationed at Hamilton Field and they plan to live in San Rafael. We wish them both every happiness!

Fred Crawford, a Lab Technician in the Dental Branch, is on vacation at his home in Marin County, which is a lovely place for leisurely living.

Choosing San Jose, **Loretta Devincenzi** is enjoying a peaceful sojourn and will be back on Monday.

Don't forget that today is the last day of the War Bond Drive and there's still time to BUY A BOND!

JOHN WOLITARSKY SAYS GOODBYE TO LETTERMAN AFTER 22 YEARS



JOHN WOLITARSKY

Mr. John Wolitarsky, known around Letterman for 22 years, is leaving this week with his wife and two children to establish his home near Sacramento, where he has just purchased a motel.

Saturday will be John's last day as manager of the Post Exchange grill, which he has quietly and efficiently managed for 15 years to the satisfaction of hundreds of hungry customers.

The wiry, tanned PX manager has plans for his motel, many of them for the postwar era, which he also hopes will be one of heavy travel. His chief dream is a restaurant unrestricted by food regulations and unhampered by the labor shortage so evident in war time.

After 15 years as manager of the hospital's one and only restaurant, which is also a favorite meeting place for hospital personnel, John regrets saying boodbye, but he is eager to have his own business.

"I'll miss all the friends I've made here," he says recalling the many friendships made in years of daily contacts.

The grill manager originally came to Letterman in August, 1923 in a completely different capacity. He was a patient, newly evacuated from Honolulu where he had been serving in the Army.

After treatment at Letterman Hospital, he was assigned to the medical detachment here and worked as surgical technician in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat clinic for seven and a half years. In October, 1930, he married and left the service, remaining at Letterman, however, as grill manager.

After 22 years in the comparatively cool climate of San Francisco, John is looking forward to enjoying the warm Sacramento sunshine. He may, however, find it too great a contrast, he admits, and will often look wistfully back to the days of fog and mist at the Presidio, where he had so many years of happy associations.

DANTE ANTICS

We at Dante are very proud of our Sgt. Zane Smith, WAC, who was selected as one of the two WACs from the Bay Area who were in the Guard of Honor for President Truman at the closing session of the Conference.

Wednesday evening the annual Summer Party for members of the Medical Detachment was given in the Detachment Day Room. The room was decorated in red, white and blue, with firecrackers of cardboard adorning the walls. Tables and chairs were placed around the room, cabaret style, and refreshments were served during the intermission. The committee in charge of decorations and arrangements was composed of S/Sgt. Charles DeBell and Sgt. Byron Hutchison. The refreshments were prepared and served by a committee from the Mess Department, Sgt. Dinkins, Sgt. Myles, Pfc. Blackwell and Pfc. Jiminez. Music was by the 1972 SCU Band, under the leadership of Pfc. Bob Anderson, of Letterman.

We have had another wedding in our midst. Friday evening was the date of the wedding of Pfc. George Finch and Mrs. Ruth Tubbe, of San Francisco. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home, 1026 Pine Street, and was attended by relatives and a few close friends of the bride and groom.

The ping pong round robin at the detachment barracks has taken a new turn. During the past week the table has been held consistently by S/Sgt. DeBell, who blasted all comers.

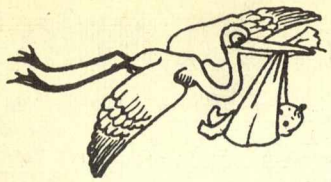
Baseball

Letterman Wac softball players, offering determined but spasmodic resistance, lost 9-1 to Fort Mason in the Wednesday afternoon game at the Presidio playground.

The rival team, well coordinated by continued practice together, was credited by spectators with an especially quick infield.

T/5 Elaine L. Jenzen (Tiny) made the home team's run in the bottom half of the fifth inning. Next Wednesday's game will be against Fort Scott here at the playground.

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS) — F. M. Griswold awoke one morning from a deep sleep to find that a couple of thieves had dug up and removed 300 feet of hedge surrounding his property. Made a clean break of it, too.



To Pvt. and Mrs. **William D. Dailey**, a son, William David Jr., born 17 June, weight 9 pounds 5½ ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. **John Jeffers**, a son, Michael John, born 17 June, weight 7 pounds 15½ ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Milton Caston**, a daughter, Golda Mae, born 17 June, weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Arthur K. Mulhall**, a son, Kevin Arthur, born 17 June, weight 6 pounds 5½ ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Trelby Ball**, a daughter, Janice Lynn, born 17 June, weight 7 pounds 10¼ ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Ernest B. DelSarto**, a daughter, Elaine Mary, born 18 June, weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Frederick Zielke**, a son, James Alan, born 19 June, weight 9 pounds 13 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Walter Boitano**, a daughter, Patricia Mary, born 19 June, weight 6 pounds 9½ ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Clair O. Heximer**, a daughter, Kathleen Grace, born 19 June, weight 7 pounds 1½ ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Gerald C. Bellotti**, a son, Gerald Anthony, born 20 June, weight 5 pounds 14 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Sidney L. Lancer**, a son, Howard Alan, born 21 June, weight 6 pounds ½ ounce.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **James Henderson**, a daughter, Barbara Sue, born 21 June, weight 7 pounds 5½ ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Frank E. Marson**, a daughter, Sherry Lee, born 21 June, weight 7 pounds 4¼ ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **William V. Boucock**, a son, Jerry Alan, born 22 June, weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Richard Barquist**, a daughter, Susan Frances, born 22 June, weight 7 pounds 14 ounces.

To Lt. Col and Mrs. **James H. Faraday**, a son, Jeffrey Alan, born 23 June, weight 5 pounds 14 ounces.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Harry L. Duke, a daughter, Shirley Ann, born 23 June, weight 6 pounds 3 ounces.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. **Benjamin C. Willis**, a daughter, Nancy Tazewell Ellett, born 23 June, weight 7 pounds 12 ounces.



COLUMBIA'S "LOOK OF THE MONTH"

Set-Up for Love Set . . . Jinx Falkenburg, top tennis player as well as the film star of Columbia's "The Gay Senorita," qualifies as Hollywood's "Look of the Month" by this court appearance among her tennis accoutrements.



"I think he's pretty serious. Last night he asked me how much I've got in Soldiers Deposits."

LGH Represented In Honor Guard At Conference

Sergeant Zane Smith, representing Letterman Wacs, was one of a 17-member military guard of honor that stood at rigid attention Tuesday afternoon on the stage of the War Memorial Opera House while President Harry S. Truman delivered the closing address of the World Security conference.

The women's branch of the army was also represented by a Fort Mason Wac and the men's branch by two members of the Western Defense Command. Other branches of service also had representatives.

Members of the guard entered with the president, stood at attention during a moment of meditation, called by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, and retired to the wings while conference presidents addressed an overflowing house.

Reentering again just before the president spoke, uniformed personnel formed a semicircle behind the speakers' platform and beneath the brilliant flag display of the United Nations.

They stood at attention as the national anthem was played and remained so until the president had finished speaking, about a half hour later.

Sergeant Smith, a dental technician at Dante, Wednesday described her experience as an honor and a thrill. The Letterman Wac was one of the first to be assigned here. Her home is Salt Lake City.

AWVS Raffles Bonds

Members of the American Women's Volunteer Service visited Letterman Thursday afternoon to raffle off two $25 War Bonds donated to wounded war veterans from the South Pacific theater by anonymous citizens of San Francisco.

Patients in wards C1 and C2 bonds. Pfc George Corvino of Chicago won the bond raffled in ward C2 and was presented with it by Mrs. George D. Cohn, AWVS War Bond chairman for the Bay area. Sgt. Mitchell V. Anarit, Chicago, held the winning number in ward C1 and received his bond from Mrs. Henry Cleland, chairman of the Roos Bros. War Bond booth for the Seventh War Loan Drive.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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No Fireworks Here But Plenty of Fun On The Fourth

The two hundred sick and wounded men from the Pacific fronts who came back to Letterman on Independence Day found a holiday spirit in an organization at work. A spirit that found everyone at his job of backing up the men who are still out there.

There was a band concert in the patio for 45 minutes and some real music was turned out by the leader and the men of the Fort Mason band. A large audience of patients expressed their appreciation with frequent bursts of applause.

On the wards some of the newly returned overseas men were the recipients of the gifts donated by the studemts of the Mission High School of San Francisco. These young people have sent an assortment of giifts to the patients here once a momth for more than a year.

Over at tthe Presidio ball diamond there was aa game between the team representingg Letterman and Presidio and tthe aggregation from the U. S. Navyy based on Treasure Island. Severaal hundred patients were in the stanmds to root for our side, and in the e duller moments of the contest therere were cokes and eskimo pies in t the way of refreshments. The game e ended in our favor by a score of 5 tto 4.

The day was memorable for two of the patieients who spoke over the radio for tthe first time, and were even more r nervous than when dodging snipers i on Okinawa. Pvts. Samuel Camp a and Emmett Liles were interviewed d on a broadcast over the National Brroadcasting Company station in San n Francisco and survived the ordeal.



Lieut. Colonel ALMA T. SKOOG, ANC.
Supervisor of Nurses for the Ninth Service Command who has been ordered home to await retirement.

LIEUT. COLONEL SKOOG RETIRES

The announcement in official orders this week granting final leave of absence to Lieutenant Colonel Alma T. Skoog, Army Nurse Corps, brought to an end the 28 years of active service that officer has spent at home and abroad in the performance of duty.

It was fitting that Letterman General Hospital should be her last station because it was here that she reported for her first station when she joined the Army Nurse Corps away back in 1917.

Until recently Colonel Skoog was the Director of Nursing Service for the Ninth Service Command, and in that capacity she had supervision of the nursing activities for the medical installations in the eight western states. During the three years she held that assignment there was a tremendous expansion in her territory and the well laid plans she had conceived in advance assisted very materially in solving all the problems incidental to rapid growth.

The good wishes of her many friends go with her into retirement and we hope to see her often around these familiar scenes.

Added Pay for Men With Combat Badge For Army Medics

The House of Representatives recently passed a bill (H.R. 2477) to give recognition to the noncombatant services under enemy fire performed by officers and enlisted men of the Medical Corps of the Army. This is a proper recognition of the part played by medical personnel in the care of the wounded on the battlefields. In every action there are heroic deeds performed by the medics and frequently at the risk of their own lives. A few minutes with any of the patients here will soon disclose the fact that any move to honor the aid men will meet with universal approval on the part of those who have been "out there."

The Bill reads as follows:

"That during the present war and for six months thereafter, any enlisted man of the Army who is entitled, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War, to wear the medical badge shall be paid additional compensation at the rate of $10 per month: Provided, That any enlisted men whose right to wear the medical badge has been temporarily suspended may, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War, continue to be paid such additional compensation.

The provisions of this act shall become effective on the first day of the month following its enactment. The additional compensation provided by this act shall not be paid for any retroactive period prior to the date of the actual award of the medical badge."

Senate concurrence is necessary before the bill becomes law.

MEDICAL AID MAN RETURNED AS PATIENT

Technician 5th Grade Vertis R. Conn of Pineville, Louisiana, a company medical aid man for 25 months in the Pacific with the 37th (Buckeye) Infantry Division, was his own last patient.

That was at a road block near Baguio, the Philippine summer capital on Luzon, where the former Alexandria, Louisiana, postoffice clerk was wounded in both feet by a Jap hand grenade, and gave himself and a wounded rifle platoon sergeant first aid until they could be evacuated.

Corporal Conn, 26-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Conn of Pineville, back in the United States for treatment, told his story in an interview at Letterman where he arrived from overseas.

"The platoon to which I was assigned was manning a road block one night on the highway outside of Baguio," he recalled. "I was sharing a foxhole with the platoon sergeant. The platoon leader and his messenger had another near us.

"I had just come off guard, about 3 o'clock, and was dozing off to sleep when the sergeant woke me. He said he saw some Japs moving up a little draw in front of us. Sure enough, there were three of them."

"As they worked toward us, he shot the first one, and when he did that the second Jap heaved a hand grenade at us. It landed in our foxhole. We both twisted around trying to get our feet on it and minimize the damage when it exploded."

"I guess we both succeeded, too. The shoe and leggings were blown off my foot, my right foot was cut by fragments, and one of the sergeant's legs was broken.

"In spite of his wound, the sergeant sat up in the foxhole and shot the second Jap. Then the third one tossed another hand grenade into our hole and ran off into the brush.

"We flopped out of our hole before the second grenade exploded, though, and landed on top of the platoon leader and his messenger in theirs. Then they took over our hole because we thought the raid by the three Japs probably was the start of a counterattack, and I went to work on myself and the platoon sergeant.

"I gave myself and the sergeant each a shot of morphine, bandaged his leg, then managed to make a tourniquet of my belt for my left leg," he continued. "I didn't have large enough bandages to do my left foot much good, but bandaged my right one with what I could find in the dark.

"The sergeant reported to battalion headquarters what had happened to us, and told them not to risk sending a litter party out in the dark for us. Moving at night in that territory was too dangerous.

"But at daylight, the regimental surgeon himself, my commanding officer, came out in his jeep to where we were, and brought the litter bearers. Boy, was I glad to see the major that morning!

"He picked me up out of the foxhole in his arms and put me on the jeep, then took me off for the regimental clearing station. The sergeant and I had had to lie there about three hours. We sure were happy to get on our way to the hospital."

Corporal Conn took basic training as a rifleman in the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Wolters, Texas, and joined the veteran Buckeye division overseas after it had completed its first Solomons campaign.

Because he had worked as a civilian in the Army hospital at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, before he entered the Army, he was asked to volunteer for transfer to his regiment's medical detachment, he explained. He then received six months' intensive training as a medic before he went into action on Bougainville with the 37th.

Corporal Conn is as reluctant to talk about his work as most of the Infantry combat medics are. Theirs is the dangerous, exacting job of administering first aid to wounded men under fire, and their duty takes them where the fighting is heaviest.

"There is plenty to do when your outfit is in battle," he said. "You pick a central place to operate from, then when somebody calls for a medic you go where you are needed. That's the job."

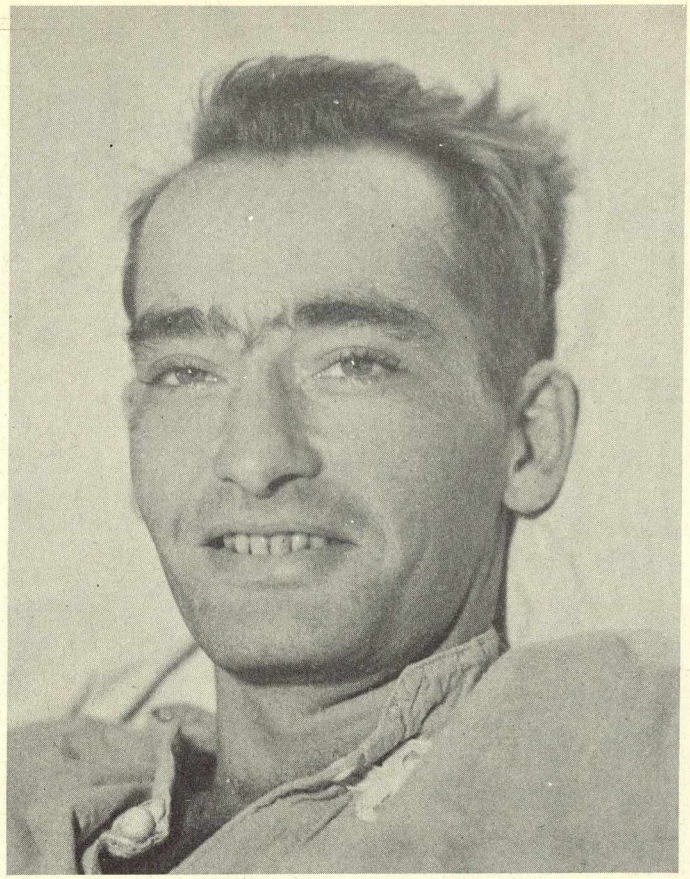
The thoroughness of his own training was impressed on Corporal Conn by the first aid he gave himself and the platoon sergeant.

"Both of us lost blood fast that night," he expalined, "but I lost more than he did. In fact, I fainted several times while working on myself.

"When the medics were cutting away my trousers at the regimental clearing station, they found in one pocekt an empty aspirin bottle and jokingly asked me what I was doing with that. Then I remembered that when I tied my belt around my left leg I had groped around in the dark and found the bottle to put under the tourniquet for added pressure on the artery that had been severed. When the bleeding stopped, I put it in my pocket.

"But I wasn't aware of having done that until the men back at the station began kidding me about taking aspirin for a couple of wounded feet."

Corporal Conn said he has been notified that he qualified for the Combat Medic Badge by his front-line duty on Bougainville and Luzon. In addition, he wears the Purple Heart for his wound, and the Philippine Liberation campaign ribbon granted by the government of the Philippine Commonwealth.



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He Whistles Too

In the two years he has been overseas, modern slang has created a situation which has one Letterman patient almost—but not quite—hoping for the comparative quiet of the South Pacific.

When he left for overseas duty, this private in the transportation corps had to take only an occasional jibe at his unusual surname. In the interval, however, his name has gained a new and subtle significance that has made life uncomfortable overseas and promises to give him even more trouble at home.

The private, who is expecting to leave in a few days for a hospital near his home in Canto, Okla., is named Waldo Howlingwolf.

Louisville, Ky (CNS) — Mrs Mabel Miles, a bank clerk, became suspicious when Hugh Hopkins offered her a free pack of cigarets as he was about to cash a check. "No one but a fool or a thief gives away cigarets now," she thought, while checking up on the check. P.S. The check was rubber.

RECENT ARRIVALS FOR LETTERMAN NURSING STAFF



1st Lt.
THELMA G. RANDALL, ANC
Boston, Massachusetts



1st Lt.
JEANNE C. HARDER, ANC
North Fork, Idaho



1st Lt.
DORCAS E. EASTERLING, ANC
Abbott, Texas



1st Lt.
ANNE B. WURTS, ANC
Leominister, Massachusetts



2nd Lt.
DOROTHY A. DULL, ANC
Berkeley, California



2nd Lt.
VIRGINIA BROWN LESTER
ANC
Stanley, Virginia



1st Lt.
MARY A. POWER, ANC
Southbridge, Massachusetts



1st Lt.
NORA E. HOMELVIG, ANC
Amidon, North Dakota



2nd Lt.
MARY G. RAMIREZ, ANC
Wichita, Kansas



2nd Lt.
Santa Barbara, California
MARY F. HOWELL, ANC



2nd Lt.
LOUISE SIMPSON, ANC
Long Beach, California



2nd Lt.
MARY P. SHORE, ANC
El Cerrito, California

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

Do You Rate A Badge?

If you believe that you are entitled to an infantryman's badge but haven't received an order announcing the award, you may make application by letter to The Adjutant General, through the CO, Detachment of Patients.

To make application for the infantryman badge, either combat or expert, you should state in detail the company, regiment and division in which you were serving when you believe you earned the badge. In case you are applying for the combat badge, state that you satisfactorily performed duty in ground combat against the enemy and the dates of such duty. In all cases, state the specific reasons why you believed you earned the badge and such other information as you may believe will be helpful in determining your right to such an award. Don't forget to include your present organization and address.

Upon receipt of the application by The Adjuant General, if the information supplied contains all the elements necessary to establish your right to the award, an order will be issued, and a copy of the order and the badge will be forwarded for presentation.

Additional information is contained in WD Circular No. 134, 1945. If you think you have earned one of these badges, ask your Personal Affairs Officer to help you complete your letter of application.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Captain **Charles C. Mohun** making a hasty exit through the Golden Gate with little time for au revoir.

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Major **Lloyd Linehan** coming to work in a police car. It was purely coincidental, he says.

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First Lieut. **Gladys L. Haller** reporting for duty as the assistant to our Public Relations Officer. Hails from Lawson General Hospital and the initials LGH will be familiar.

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Lieut. **Juanita Sofranko** being photographed by a cameraman from the "Call-Bulletin" for a picture in the paper.

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Lieut. **Donald E. Lewis** saying his farewells here and there—and to the regret of all who know him.

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Mrs. **Rhonda Yarter** back from Nebraska and glad. Who isn't?

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The Transportation Office and the gracious **Gloria Stockhausen** dropped down to the second floor of the Administration Building.

Kennebunkport, Me (CNS) — Booth Tarkington, Kennebunkport resident and author of "Penrod" and "Seventeen," has taken up cudgels against a mural on the local post office walls which depicts "a number of fat, scantily clad women, disporting themselves on a beach." "They're mermaids," the mural artist declared. "They're ugly," said Tarkington. Result: The U. S. Senate has moved for a new mural, depicting historically the seafaring and shipbuilding activities of this community with nary a mermaid in sight.

Miles City, Mont (CNS)—Mrs Gladys Wilson stepped daintily into the bath tub, and hopped right out again, not so daintily. Her son had put an 18-inch catfish in first.

Marguerite Krause Marries

FALSE ALARM! 'Twas not our Marguerite Krause.



Letterman gained new nurses again this week, lost others and witnessed exchanges of gold for silver bars on the trim hospital uniforms of still other members of the LGH nursing staff.

Promotions of second to first lieutenant went to Shirley Wien, Dorcas J. Barondes and Eloise Ennis.

Nurses transferred from Letterman were 1st Lieutenant Dorothy A. Frisch, who went to the separation center at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and 1st Lieutenant Ola V. Baxter to Fort Mason.

From Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington, came 2nd Lieutenants Helen Beattie and Jeane Spence. Back for duty again is 2nd Lieutenant Mary Jane Christensen, who just completed a three-month course in neuropsychiatric nursing at Bushnell General Hospital, Utah.

First Lieutenant Dorcas E. Easterling, a war prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines from July, 1942 to February of this year, came here from the Santa Barbara redistribution center. She wears the Asiatic and Pacific ribbons with two battle stars, holds the American defense medal with a star, the bronze medal award and a Presidential citation with two oak leaf clusters.

Second Lieutenant Regina Burnett, who returned last February after serving a year in the European theater, joined the Letterman staff from the Santa Barbara redistribution station.

The Asheville, North Carolina, redistribution station sent 1st Lieutenant Thelma G. Randall, back in the states after almost three years in Australia and New Guinea, 1st Lieutenant Mary A. Power, who served in the South Atlantic area from July, 1944 to May of this year, and 2nd Lieutenant Virginia Brown Lester.

Newly arrived nurses who came here from the Miami Beach redistribution station following overseas duty are 1st Lieutenant Aurelia A. Schafer, 2nd Lieutenant Gertrude Van Sensus and 2nd Lieutenant Edith M. Richardson.

Mountain Home, Ida (CNS)— Slot machines in the officers club at the Mountain Home Air Base are topped by this sign: "In case of air raid, stand near these machines. They havent been hit yet."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 8, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Purple Heart

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general at Letterman General Hospital, made one Purple Heart award in his office and four others to bedridden and wheelchair patients in hospital wards Tuesday afternoon.

Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, assistant executive officer, read the accompanying citations and 1st Lieutenant A. L. Taro, aide de camp to the general, assisted in the individual ceremonies.

Pfc Edward P. Mushinski, infantryman from Wilkes Barre, Pa., received the award in the general's office. He was wounded in action February 11 on Leyte.

The Order of the Purple Heart was conferred on two bed patients in ward E-1, Pfc Steve Gambitsky, infantryman from Long Island, N. Y., wounded on Mindanao May 26, and Pfc Charles B. Dahlberg, infantryman from Howard Lake, Minn. wounded in the Negros Islands May 8. Pvt. Don E. Muller, Springfield, Ore., infantryman wounded May 1 on Okinawa, received the award from his wheel chair at the same time.

Pvt. Verden O. Drake of Bakersfield, who was wounded in action with the infantry on Luzon May 27, received the award at a bedside presentation in ward F-2.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-el cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances, which will be held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, July 14th, and Saturday, July 28th, at 9:00 p.m. Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard.

WAC OF THE WEEK



OPAL BORDERS
T/Sgt.

Technical Sergeant Opal G. Borders, who exchanged her T/3rd Gr. stripes last week for the new enlarged variety, is getting a giant-size dose of the kind of work she has always wanted to do.

Sergeant Borders prefers personnel work and is enthusistac over her assignment as the training program sergeant for the growing medical and surgical student technician group which numbers well over a hundred.

From August of 1944 until last May, when she came to Letterman, Sergeant Borders was in San Francisco recruiting the technicians she is now helping to train. Before her recruiting assignment, the Texas-born sergeant was in the physical therapy section of Camp White for four months. She had been prepared for this work by a three-month course at Stanford University. She and about 35 other WACS were quartered there in the former university president's home, with her present commanding officer, 1st Lieutenant Ernest L. Stephenson, in charge of the detachment there.

Sergeant Borders considers her Army jobs valuable aids in furthering her education and understanding of people. She attended the Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogoches, Texas, where she majored in education and later took a postgraduate course in mental hygiene at the University of Colorado.

Before entering the WAAC in March, 1943, Sergeant Borders was an elementary school teacher. After the war she expects to complete work for her master's degree at the University of Colorado before returning to the teaching profession.

Newark, N. J. (CNS)—Things are tough in Newark. Police raided an opium den here and discovered that all the patrons had been required to bring their own dope.

CBS REPEATS "ASSIGNMENT HOME" SERIES DURING SUMMER SEASON

"Assignment Home," the CBS radio program that deals with the readjustment problems of returning servicemen, begins a special 10-week summer series Saturday, July 21, over Station KQW when it switches its broadcast time from 1:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., PWT.

The show has been emanating over the Columbia stations for the past 29 weeks and has the strong endorsement of General Brehon Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces. Says General Somervell, "I urge all wives, sweethearts, parents, and friends of returning veterans to listen to "Assignment Home" for a better understanding of the complex problems now facing our country."

Due to the success and special significance of some of the previously broadcasted programs, eight of them will be repeated over the new time. The summer series will open with "No Confetti," the stirring drama that launched the original series back in December of 1944.

Quoting from General Somervell again, the ASF head stated:

"Starting Saturday, July 21, 'Assignment Home' will be heard at a new time—10:15 p.m., EWT (7:15 p.m., PWT)—and, consequently, by a new audience. Of the programs already heard, we have told you about the problems that must be faced by both civilians and veterans. Most of our fighting men will come home ready and eager to resume normal lives. 'Assignment Home' is important because it presents problems that must be faced by that small percentage of men who are returning as war casualties."

In view of the above statement, the program will have a special interest for both patients and personnel of Letterman. They can become acquainted with all types of injuries and the adjustments that these injuries necessitate for both wounded men and civilians.

The tentative schedule for the eight repeat programs, all written by Sergeant Arthur Laurents, and the dates on which they were originally presented, follows:

July 21—"No Confetti" (December 9, 1944), stresses the necessity of solving the job problem before the other problems of human relationships can be dealt with.

July 28—"A Word to Think About" (January 13), deals with psycho-neurosis, the most mis-used and mis-understood word in the present battle of medicine.

August 4—"The Face" (December 30, 1944), the epic of a soldier's restoration by plastic surgery from the horrible disfigurement of battle burns of the head and face. The broadcast was selected by the Writer's War Board as the special April war script.

August 11—"Good Will to Men" (March 17), what a repatriated prisoner of war thinks of the enemy and the civilian's concept of him.

August 18—"They Walk Again" (February 3), tells the story of a GI who lost his limbs, and what the Army does literally to get him back on his feet.

August 25—"Walk With Us" (February 10), the second half of the amputee's story.

Sept. 1—"The World of Darkness" (April 28), dramatizes the war blind and their return to civilian life.

September 8—"Age Unknown" (December 16, 1944), depicts the war's impact on a young GI, and the complex problems peculiar to these "war young."

The subjects for the two finale programs on September 15 and 22, both scheduled as new dramatizations, will be announced.

The show is produced by CBS in collaboration with the Army Service Forces.

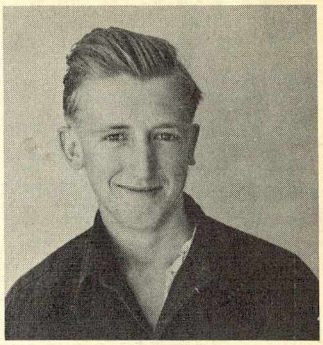
B-29s Drop Leaflets With Their Bomb Loads

Guam (CNS)—Along with their explosive and incendiary bombs, B-29s are now dropping 750,000 leaflets a day on Japan. The pamphlets urge surrender, and endeavor to counteract the Jap propaganda line that loss of the war will mean enslavement. Radio broadcasts relayed from Saipan by Capt George Zacharias, USNR, who was stationed in Japan many years, accomplish the same purpose.

Wives May Join Men When Practical

Washington (CNS) — The WD will permit families and sweethearts of servicemen to join their guys in the occupied countries "when conditions permit," according to John W. Martyn, administrative assistant to Secretary Stimson. There are a lot of difficulties, though, says Martyn: shipping requirements for redeployment, shortage of food and housing in Europe, "and unrest in occupied areas."

ON THE SPOT



ROY F. SCHROEDER
Pvt.

Things happened fast on Okinawa, including what happened to a bluff Private Roy F. Schroeder selected as protection against a Jap sniper.

"That bluff was pretty good cover while it lasted," is the way the 19-year-old Infantry rifleman from Flandreau, South Dakota, put it as he told of the experience in an interview at Letterman.

A fellow 96th Infantry (Deadeye) Division rifleman, a close buddy of his, was hit by an enemy rifle bullet as their platoon approached the crest of a hill.

"I got over to him," the young South Dakotan related, "and started getting his equipment off so I could get him back out of danger. He died in my arms, though, while I was trying to get his pack off.

"The sniper was sharpshooting at me by that time. I dodged over against the bluff, where I was out of the direct line of fire. It wasn't good enough protection against a mortar shell that hit on the side of the bluff, though. I was wounded in the leg and buried except for my head and neck when part of the bluff came down on me.

"Two men got to me in a few minutes and dug me out. Captain Rector, our company commander, helped me get back to the aid station. He was as good a company commander as you'll find, always right on top of what was going on."

After basic training at the Camp Hood, Texas, Infantry Replacement Training Center, he went overseas early this year.

Private Schroeder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. August Schroeder, of Flandreau.

British Capture Million Men

London (CNS)—Axis prisoners captured by troops of the British on all fronts during the war now exceeds 1,000,000, it was revealed recently by Lord Croft, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: Technicians Fifth Grade Howard P. Reeder, George Rusake and John S. Teresinski, appointed Sergeants.

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Lucky GI's to be off to their homes on furlough during the past week were: Pvt. Paul L. McCorkle, with 30 days; Pvts. Joe J. Souza, Anthony F. Pawloski and Avsencio M. Martinez, each with 25 days; Sgt. Philip H. Bryant, T/th Gr. Dan Sackash, Cpls. Lawrence Rappel and James R. Blakeney, T/5th Gr. Willard C. Rickard, Pvts. Joseph Farina, Douglas W. Hansen, John E. Sherek, Elmer A. Forkner, Frank P. Phillips, Elwyn L. Malcolm, Richard A. Gorecki and Efton R. Richardson, each with 23 days; S/Sgt. Arthur L. Watson, Pvts. Arthur E. Nessett, Frank E. Ballard and Raymond V. Oierson, each with 21 days; S/Sgt. Carver M. Smith, Sgt. George J. Rusake, T/4th Gr. John R. Davis, Cpl. Isadore Lanfranco Pvt. Elmo Roberts and Pvt. Dave H. Bernstein, each with 17 days; T/Sgt. William H. Day, Cpl. Mortimer Sharagowitz and Pvt. Frank E. Robbins, each with 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Cpl. Benjamin Weitz once more rooting for the San Francisco "Seals" after spending a furlough in Brooklyn where he lent his morale support to the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The combination of T/4th Gr. Bruce Sloan and Pvt. Dave H. Bernstein now hailed as the Letterman Snooker Champs after defeating Sgts. John W. Dean and John R. Davis in the recently held doubles tournament in the enlisted men's service club.

Sgt. Anton J. Sterr packing his fishing gear and heading for Yosemite where he will try his hand at trout fishing. Good luck Sgt.!

Cpl. Gordon L. Lockwood doing a good job in keeping the snooker tournament running smoothly even while he was being heckled by the spectators when he acted as referee.

M/Sgt. Frank S. O'Brien taking a 120 day leave before starting his retirement.

LIEUTENANT BURNETT RETURNS TO LGH FOR DUTY FROM OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT



Lieut. REGINA BURNETT, ANC
Former Lettermanite who has come back here for station

Letterman welcomes 2nd Lieutenant Regina Burnett, of the Army Nurse Corps, who has returned for duty here after 16 months overseas.

Lieutenant Burnett was assigned to Letterman from October, 1942 to February, 1944 when she was sent overseas for duty in England. She returned to this country February 1 as a patient and was sent to Birmingham General Hospital. When she was released from the hospital she took a 24-day overseas leave before reporting for duty last week for her present assignment to ward A-1.

In the 16 months Lieutenant Burnett has been away from Letterman she has accumulated a stock of memories that includes sightseeing trips to Liverpool, spring in the English countryside and every day life in Wales.

The brown-haired nurse is happy to be back at Letterman and is doubly pleased over her assignment because San Francisco is her home. She thinks back a bit wistfully, however, of the younger days at Letterman when her younger sister, 1st Lieutenant Mary Burnett, was stationed here with her. They were also together overseas. Her sister is now on duty in France.

On arrival in England in March, 1944, her outfit spent a three-week staging period in the beautiful but chill countryside at Liverpool. Later they lived near the English border in Wales, where Lieutenant Burnett stayed several weeks with a bombed-out English family.

Eventually the Army nurses moved into huts equipped for seven with cots and mattresses, a stove, and cement floors. They set out to turn the buildings into something like home; they ordered materials for bedspreads, and curtains, rugs, and other furnishings from the states.

It took two months for the equipment to arrive, but everyone thought it was well worth the wait. In her hut they even painted the floor, using battle-ship gray on the porous cement surface.

Patients at the General Hospital, to which she was assigned, were mainly casualties evacuted from France. Last October the hospital began treating German prisoners of war sent from French hospitals.

WAC

Pvt. Patricia A. Quinn is learning Russian the easy way. One of her favorite patients on Ward H, where she is a technician, is Javov Shestavov, a Russian seaman being treated for tonsilitis.

Using a Russian-English dictionary and eliminating all "and's" and "the's" they manage to carry on a conversation fairly comprehensive, at least to them.

The 21-year-old seaman was admitted to Letterman June 26 from the station dispensary at Fort Mason where he is temporarily stationed.

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Five cooks are among the recent additions to the WAC section but their ever-hungry barracks chums need not expect to taste any of their culinary innovations. The five are to work for 1972 medical detachment.

They are Pfc Elinor E. Davis, Pvt. Oma L. Allen, Pvt. Verna A. Eastman, Pvt. Mary P. Mahoney and Pvt. Hassie L. Williams. All came here from Fort Oglethorpe.

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On furlough—Pvt. Adeline H. Brown in San Diego; Pvt. Josephine S. Jacobs, Dallas; T-5 Mary M. Craig, Iowa; Pvt. Montana F. Haire, Santa Monica, Calif.; Pvt. Beatrice L. Kelsey, Pvt. Gladys V. Quigley, and Pvt. Thelma L. Norton, Los Angeles, and Pvt. Audrey A. Martin, Arlington, Va.

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On three-day passes were T/5th Gr. Violet M. Atkins, who went to Los Angeles; Pvt. Catherine G. Dutton, Santa Cruz; T/5th Gr. Mary C. Joyce, Sacramento; T/5th Gr. Blanche Pierce, Los Angeles, and Pvt. Florence E. Love, San Jose.

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Area Angles

Colorful flower plants nodding rather dazed heads after a quick transplanting to the WAC area where they form a bright border for the business-like front of the orderly room.

A few chartreuse blades of grass, preliminaries to the traditional "seeded area," shooting through the thick layers of ground that cover the area.

Total strength figures for the WAC unit leaping to the 300-point mark.

CIVIL CIRCLES

It seems that everywhere we go, everyone is discussing vacation plans. Whenever a group of Lettermanites gets together, you can be sure that the conversation will inevitably turn to the advantages or disadvantages of various sections of the country.

Marion Amberg departed on Thursday for Varcouver, B. C., to visit relatives. She plans to pick up some really lovely chinaware in Victoria, where she knows the shops as well as she knows the functions of the Military Personnel Branch.

Wedding bells may be in the offing for **Alice Clifton** who is on leave entertaining her just-returned heart throb right here in San Francisco.

Helen Wetzel's wonderful tan was acquired at Lake Tahoe and Russian River, where she spent two leisurely weeks.

Lee Mohler from the Registrar's Office has gone to Iowa with her Navy husband vho has come back from the wars.

Helen Earley's own true love is a flight engineer from Pan American Airways. Her engagement has been announced and they are making the usual plans.

Portland, Oregon will play host for a while to **Lenice Rose,** from Civilian Personnel and **Margaret Mitchell** from the Library. Len is visiting relatives and has some super plans for enterainment, while Margaret will visit her daughter and family.

Agnes Cramer is back from Lake Tahoe looking wonderfully rested.

Lucille Glover is probably at this very minute dangling a worm in front of an elusive trout in some mountain stream.

Plans are going ahead rapidly for a civilian insignia pin for LGH employees. The design is simply terrific and next week we can start taking orders. The cost of the pins will be very nominal. Clara McCready, Warren Conlin, and your scribe will be among the agents distributing them and we're having sketches made so you can see for yourselves how good looking they are. They'll be our own colors, green and gold, and we'll all be wearing them with pride. Employees are eligible to wear the pin after one month's service at LGH.

SERGEANT SKADSHEIM IS ONE OF FEW CAMP GRANT CORPSMEN LEFT AT LGH



T/4th Gr. AMOS M. SKADSHEIM

Technician 4th Gr. Amos M. Skadsheim, wardmaster of Ward B-1, came to Letterman as a corpsman from Camp Grant, Illinois, in February, 1942.

At the completion of his basic training, he remained at Camp Grant for a special combination theory-practice medical course before being assigned to hospital work here with 19 other soldiers from the same camp.

Sergeant Skadsheim spent six months working in wards under the supervision of experienced wardmasters, and in May of 1943 he was assigned to his present duties as wardmaster.

In the early days of his assignment at Letterman, hospital corpsmen frequently accompanied the evacuation trains that were operated through the receiving and evacuation office. An occasional train trip, perhaps to Tennessee or Oregon, was a welcome diversion in the sergeant's life.

Of the group that came to Letterman in 1942 only Sergeant Skadsheim and another corpsman, T/4 Russell T. Carrow of the electrocardiograph room, are left.

California is Sergeant Skadsheim's home state and San Jose his home town. The Letterman sergeant doesn't feel that he needs distance to make him appreciate California, just the memory of 13 icy winter weeks of basic training in Illinois does the trick. "I was never so glad in my life to get back to California as I was after that winter," he said.

Before being inducted into the Army, Sergeant Skadsheim was attending San Jose State College, majoring in social sciences. He plans to go back to San Jose to live after the war. At present he is living off the post with his wife and 10-year-old daughter.

Just Couldn't Wait For His First Kiss

Boston (CNS) — When Wacs aboard a welcoming tug shouted to an incoming transport, "Come on over and get a kiss," S/Sgt Tommy Carpenter lost no time. He slid down a hawser, swam through the churning water, and reached the arms of Pvt Mary Delage. Mary made good, and so did all the other girls. The papers did not report the official Army reaction to all this.

DANTE ANTICS

Monday evening, July 2, 2nd Lt. Mary Jane Wheat, ANC, became the bride of 1st Lt. Burton Maynard, at the Presidio Chapel. After the ceremony a reception for the couple was given at the Nurses' Quarters on Broadway, across from the hospital. Friends and relatives of the bride and groom attended the reception, and showered the happy couple with rice as they left for a short wedding trip. Lt. Maynard is on leave from his unit, having spent the last two years in the ETO, and expects to be transferred to the Pacific theater when he returns to duty.

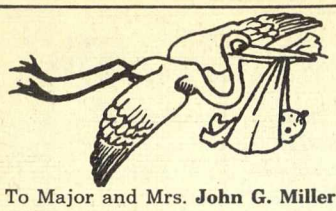
Congratulations to Technical Sergeants Vincent Cellucci and Jim Corridan, who received their boost from the grade of Staff Sergeant Thursday, and to Sgt. John S. Teresinski, was was upped from T/5th Gr. earlier in the week.

The Seventh War Loan Campaign came to a successful conclusion at Dante with the total of $21,773.75 (maturity value) in cash bond purchases. High spot of the drive was the Bond Auction on Friday, June 29, at which over $3,000.00 in bonds were used by both patients and personnel of the hospital to buy valuable merchandise which had been put up for sale by the merchants of Polk Street. The high individual purchases were made by Mrs. Louise McKee, civilian ward attendant, Sgt. Sophia Howard, WAC, of the Sergeant Major's office, and Magdalena Eckman, 1st Lt., ANC, of our staff of nurses. High team honors among the 14 groups organized for the drive went to the Army Nurse Corps, under the leadership of Lt. Dorothy Dale, ANC. The nurses' team reached the 96% mark in the drive.



Oct 16, 1925 — "All disputes . . . between Germany and Czechoslovakia . . . shall be submitted for decision either to an arbitral tribunal or to the Permanent Court of International Justice . . ."—Arbitration agreement between Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Mar 14, 1939—German armies swept into the Czech Sudetanlands, annexed them to the Reich. Later nearly all of Czechoslovakia was swallowed by the German super-state.



To Major and Mrs. **John G. Miller,** a son, John Garrett Jr., born 24 June, weight 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To Colonel and Mrs. **Curtis Keen,** a son, Stephen Curtis, born 24 June, weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Harry S. Dobbie,** a son, Michael Stevenson, born 25 June, weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Thomas Blennerhassett,** a daughter, Carol Lynn, born 25 June, weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. **Robert A. Patterson,** a son, Michael Allan, born 25 June, weight 8 pounds 3 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Ernest Hamlett,** a son, Ernest Holt, born 26 June, weight 8 pounds.

To Cpl. and Mrs. **Charles F. Rippert,** a son, John Charles, born 27 June, weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Samuel Arnold,** a daughter, Nancy, born 27 June, weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **John A. De Wolfe,** a daughter, Cathleen Frances, born 28 June, weight 6 pounds 11 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Charles Irvine,** a daughter, Joyce Lucille, born 29 June, weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **J. F. Baisch,** a daughter, Patricia Rose, born 30 June, weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. **Wilbert Bryant,** a daughter, Loretta Agnes, born 30 June, weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

Enemy Material Used Against Foe

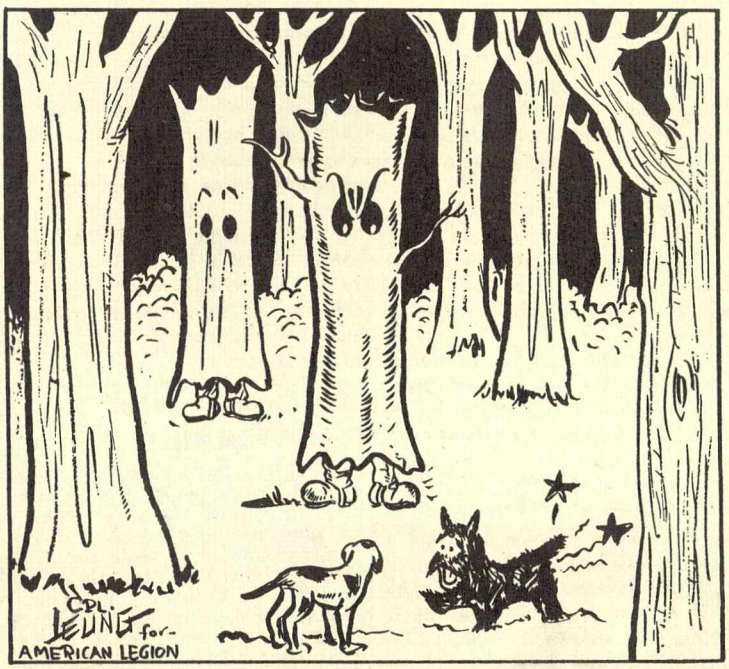
Germany (CNS) — Captured enemy equipment helped speed victory over Germany, and made possible tremendous savings in money, manpower, and shipping space, says the WD. In the Saar Valley special engineering units salvaged prefabricated steel truss bridges, locomotives, box cars, trucks, autos, road grading machines, hand tools, batteries, generators, tractors, and boats with outboard motors.

Critical supplies were sent directly to the front, less needed military supplies went to collecting points for storage, and civilian goods such as food, clothing, and housing materials were shipped to France and Belgium.



ANOTHER COLUMBIA "LOOK OF THE MONTH"

Beauty for a bowsprit . . . Lynn Merrick, star of Columbia's "Blonde from Brooklyn," qualifies as Hollywood's Look of the Month by this decidedly ornamental pose, reminiscent of the shapely figureheads of old-time sailing vessels. Lynn came to pictures from Ft. Worth, Tex., and played leads in 24 horse operas before winning her way to movie big time.



"That tree just kicked me!"

Choral Group Now Organized

Pfc Robert C. Anderson, a muscian in civilian life and assigned to the music section of the Letterman radio system, now under the Information and Education section, began seriously considering starting a choral group half a year ago as a special services activity.

In preparation, he wrote song arrangements for mixed voices but postponed organization of the singing group until a conference last month with Chief Warrant Officer George Thams of the music section in special services division of the Ninth Service Command. Mr. Thams came here to observe musical activities.

They decided to make a Wac group the core of the choir and later to add a male vocal section. The group would specialize in light operetta and semi-classics, many of which Pfc Anderson arranged himself.

Assisting Pfc Anderson was T/5 Violet M. Atkins, who spread news of the choir among her co-Wacs.

First practice was June 15 and weekly sessions have been held since then. As in many infant organizations, the attendance is small but the choral group's director expects it to increase rapidly once other music lovers see the enthusiasm of the choristers.

To facilitate organization, practice sessions are now being conducted at 6 p.m. Fridays in the Wac day room instead of at the Letterman club, where they were held until yesterday.

Pfc. Anderson has big plans for the group. After three or four weeks of all-girl practice, a male vocal section will be added from detachment men who have expressed their desire to join the group.

If plans carry through and a Wac band is brought to Letterman, it will provide musical background for the singers. When fully organized and functioning smoothly and melodiously, the group will sing for post and patient entertainment programs, for LGH radio station and perhaps for the monthly YMCA variety show.

Give Them One Whiff

Washington (CNS) — The importance of war dogs in smelling out the enemy and saving American lives is emphasized in a recent WD statement, which quotes a platoon leader as follows: "No patrol with which scout dogs functioned has ever been ambushed."

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Commanding General Accepts Ambulance On Behalf of Army

Brigg. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Commnanding General of Letterman, acceptted for the Army an olive-drab ambulance from the Chinese Amerrican War Bond Committee of Northaern California, a symbolic achievvement of their war bond quotaı of 1,000 ambulances. The presenntation, arranged by the War Finanace Committee, was made at the CChinese Playground located at Sacraamento and Stockton Streets.

Genn. Hillman expressed the thankks of the Army for the undying effortt of the Chinese Americans in the wwar effort. He went on to stress the iimportance of ambulances in the boattle of salvaging our wounded, and tto describe their vital job of drivinng through shell and fire to evacuuate the injured to battalion aid statioons.

Thee event had a dual significance for tthe American Chinese here in Northhern California. The gift represenntted the successful culmination of thheir recent war bond drive, whosse goal was $2,000,000 for the purchhase of the ambulances.

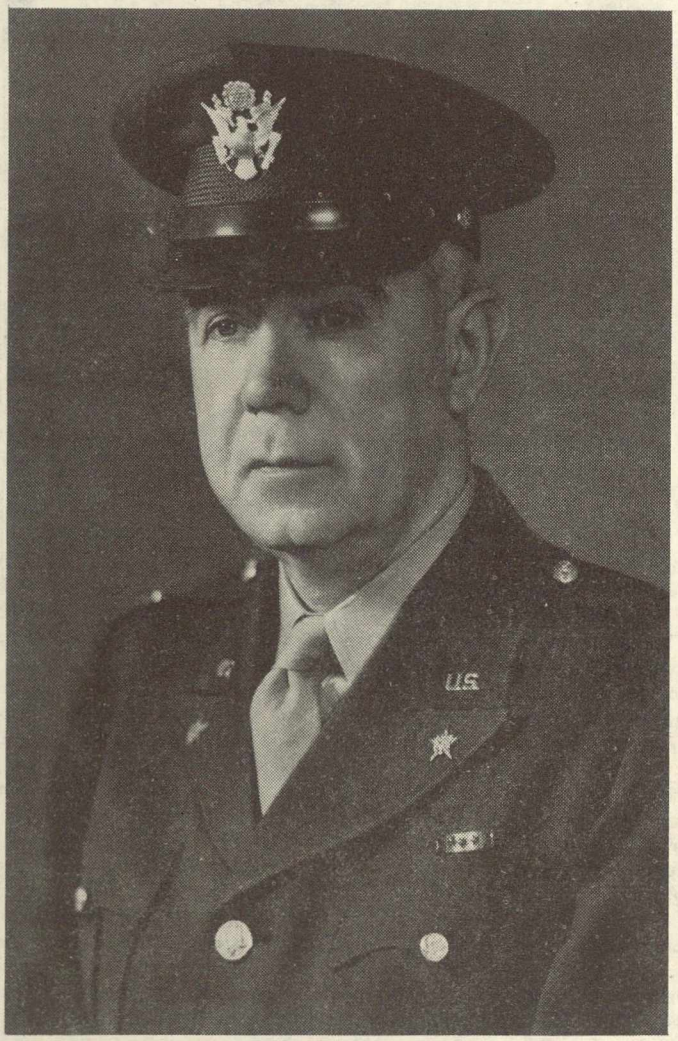
Thee day itself marked the celebratiion of the "Seven-Seven" Chinese hholiday, a commemorative day for CChina. For it was on July 7, 1937 ' that the liberty-loving people of thhe Orient began their Fight for Freedom.

Nowow eight years later, the American C Chinese of Northern California could d not think of a better way to commmemorate "Seven-Seven" Day than ı to present ambulances to aid in thhe cause of freedom around the worldld.

Thhe War Finance Committee also took t the occasion to award citations to boooth Albert K. Chow, Chairman Northhern California Chinese American War Bond Committee and Wong F. Doon, Chairman San Francisco Chinese American War Bond Committee for having surpassed their respective quotas. General Hillman also presented citations to the two able chairmen.

The quota for the San Francisco committee was $750,000, which purchased three hundred and seventy-five ambulances.

Music for the program was played by the 253rd Army Band of the Western Defense Command.



BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN WILSON

Chief of Staff, Ninth Service Command, who was among the Letterman visitors this week.

Letterman Enjoys Many Visitors During The Week

It could not have been the sunshine, because we had almost none, that prompted so many visitors to drop in on us during the past week, and we like to believe they came around out of good will as well as a matter of routine duty.

The senior officer in the group was Brigadier General John Wilson, Chief of Staff, Ninth Service Command, and with him was Colonel Luther R. Moore, M.C., Service Command Surgeon. Late in the week we had a visit from Colonel James L. Blakeney, Service Command Chaplain, and Lieut. Colonel Eugene D. Mullins, Public Relations Officer for the Ninth Service Command.

Out of Washington—and the Surgeon General's Office—came Mr. Jarrett C. White who is the consultant on construction. A press dispatch from the capital announced that $3,000,000 had been authorized for the construction of additional facilities to care for debarking patients from the Pacific overseas theatre of operations. Maybe Mr. White knows something about that project, but he was not free to discuss details. The local papers carried a list of the additional buildings and stated that official confirmation was expected in the near future.

Another welcome visitor was Lieut. Colonel Lyle M. Bain, M.C., Receiving Evacuation Officer for the Debarkation Unit at Madigan General Hospital, Tacoma, Washington. Colonel Bain was here to observe procedures followed in our Receiving and Evacuation branch.

One of our old timers was also among the visitors. Lieut. Colonel John Drew, MAC, now with the Fourth Service Command, who left us in 1935 for another station.

Patient Tells of Snooping for Enemy Information

Sergeant Salvatore L. Gatto, whose artistic talent was diverted by war from a brush and palette to an Infantryman's rifle, isn't sure which was the more startled—he or the Jap he almost stepped on one morning along a trail in the Philippines.

The 25-year-old former art student and portrait painter from Amsterdam, New York, was squad leader in a regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance platoon of the 77th Infantry (Statue of Liberty) Division.

Interviewed at Letterman, where he arrived from the Pacific, he talked of his experiences in snooping behind enemy lines for information needed by his commander.

The closest call he ever had on a scouting patrol, the sergeant said, probably was the morning he almost stepped on the Jap. That was on Leyte.

"We started out very early that morning," he recalled, "and were moving down a little trail. Suddenly I saw a Jap lying right beside the trail. In fact, my next step would have been on him.

"He wakened about the same time I saw him, and started reaching for a hand grenade. I brought my rifle up quickly to shoot him, but it jammed. Maybe you think I didn't sweat then.

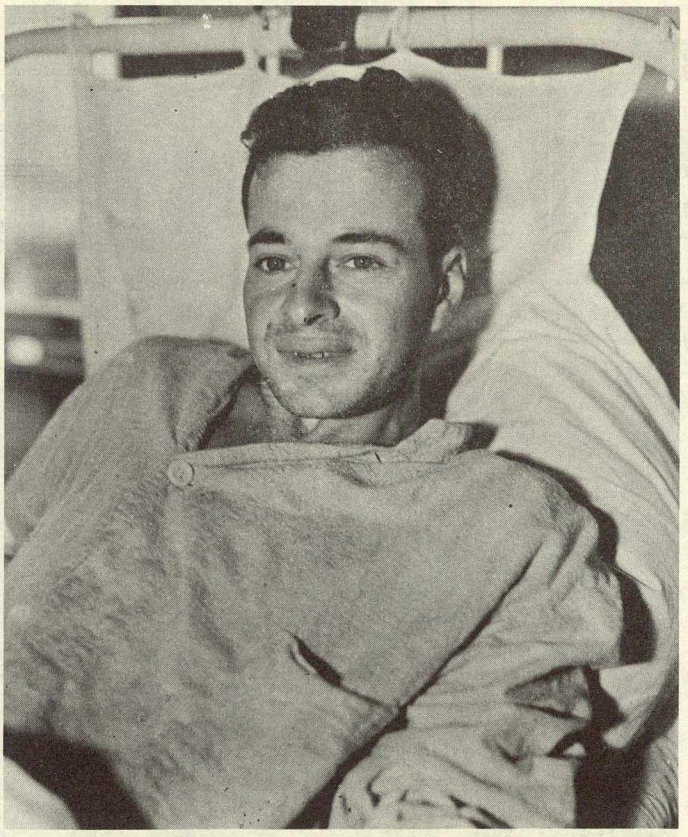
"But the Jap must have been more nervous than I was, because he jumped up and ran. Fortunately, he stumbled over a man we had left behind us for rear security, and he killed the Jap with one shot."

There was another Leyte patrol, however, on which Sergeant Gatto's rifle didn't jam. He picks that one as the most interesting in which he engaged during three major campaigns in 15 months overseas.

"There were a dozen of us out that day, when we ran onto some Japs and killed three of them," he related. "We split up to strip and search their bodies for documents or other material that might be useful for Intelligence, thinking their buddies had scattered.

"After we finished with the Jap I was working on, I straightened up and stepped away from him. As I did, I saw something move behind a tree, so I emptied my rifle into the bushes without waiting to find out what had moved.

"Then I looked around the tree. There was a dead Jap, all right—and two more cowering in a hole. They pulled out hand grenades when they saw me, so I shot both of them too."



Sgt. SALVATORE GATTO

Sergeant Gatto, who wears the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gatto of 188 Division Street, Amsterdam. He studied at a private art school in Albany, New York, and before he enlisted in the Army in March, 1942, had a portrait studio in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

"I enlisted because I thought there would be a chance to get into Army camouflage work," he explained. "But just about that time the 77th Division was being formed, so into it I went."

The sergeant received his basic training with the veteran, hard-driving "Statue of Liberty" Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After training and maneuvers in this country, the division saw its first action on Guam and within nine months landed also on Leyte in the Philippines and several small islands in the Ryukyus before the main invasion of Okinawa.

Sergeant Gatto was wounded on Okinawa by fragments of a Jap mortar shell which landed in a hole he was using as a forward observation post.

"We were out in front of the regiment watching the Japs move around," he explained. "I had spotted quite a concentration of them, and was phoning the information back to headquarters as they shifted and moved.

"I guess they must have seen me, too, because mortar shells began to plop all around us and one landed right in the hole with me. As a matter of fact, I don't see yet how there was room for it to get in. The fragments struck me in the legs and back.

"My buddies dragged me out and bandaged me, then a medical aid man with a litter party came up. I really don't remember much about that. I was knocked out by the blast of the shell, and only regained consciousness occasionally for several hours after."

In addition to the Purple Heart for the wound, Sergeant Gatto wears the Philippine Liberation campaign ribbon granted by the Philippine Commonwealth government. His Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon bears three battle stars for the campaigns—the Marianas, Philippines and Ryukyus—in which he fought.

Pin-up Pinza Picks Pretty Palpitator

2nd Lt. Jaunita Sofranko, who is one of the reasons for the high morale among the patients on Ward P, was chosen to represent Letterman in a glamour contest Sunday night at the Civic Auditorium as a feature of one in the series of summer promenade concerts given by the San Francisco symphony orchestra.

Lt. Sofranko proved to the audience that the Army Nurse Corps does have glamour, when she mounted the stage steps and lined up with nine other candidates of the Armed Forces across the stage. The other entries were in two's from among the ranks of the WACS, WAVES, SPARS, Marines, and a single candidate from the Navy Nurse Corps.

It was this last nominee, Lt. Margaret Hitchcock, who was awarded the title "most glamourous girl in the armed forces in the bay area" by the hard-put-to-it Ezio Pinza, who according to Harper's Bazaar, is a glamour boy himself.

As he said when he handed Lt. Hitchcock the prize of a hundred dollar war bond and a special corsage, "Every one of these girls is glamorous. As a matter of fact, every girl who is wearing her country's uniform has glamour." And then, very diplomatically, Pinza extricated himself from the difficult task of picking the winner, by adding that the Navy Nurse had 18 months duty in New Guinea, and certainly deserved the title of "glamour girl."

Lt. Sofranko and the other runners-up were given free tickets to the new summer promenade concert series for their part in the contest.

Sabotage

Germany (CNS) — To break down the fraternization ban, German frauleins are wearing less and less clothes, reports Field Marshal Montgomery. The ban continues anyway.

General Hillman Presents Citations at Bond Program



CITATION AWARDED
General Hillman awards citation to Wong F. Doon, San Francisco Chinese American War Bond Chairman.

SEVENTH WAR LOAN CEREMONY
Chinese Americans of Northern California purchase $2,000,000 worth of bonds, which is the equivalent of 1000 field ambulances.



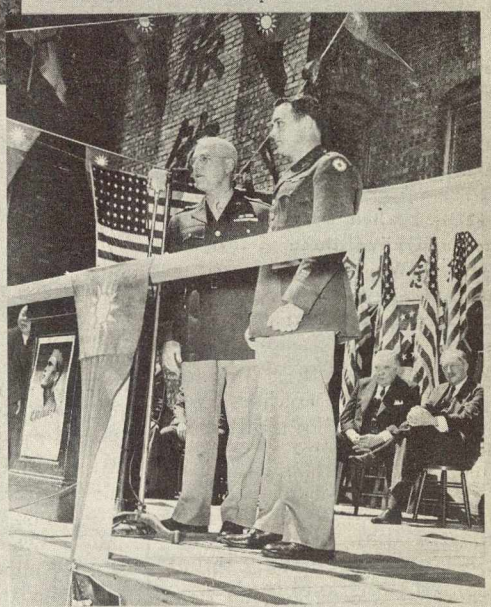


OUR NEW MASCOT
Is "Jerry"--Toy French Poodle posing (left) and the new queen of the copy desk, Pvt. Helen D. Wilson, who is lending the support.



CONGRATULATIONS
On the award of the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart are extended by the Commanding General to Major J. H. Wilson, Jr. Capt. C. L. Wolfe (left) received the Bronze Star at the same ceremony.

GENERAL HILLMAN
Addressing a large audience at War Bond Ceremony held in the Chinese community. At his right is Lt. Claud McVey, Aide De Camp.



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EDITORIAL

HON. HARA-KARI

As Yanks club closer and closer to the heart of Japland, more and more Nips are committing the honorable death, hara-kari.

Hara-kari is the Jap's current military pastime. It is a very simple procedure, consisting primarily of kneeling towards Tokyo, jabbing a dagger into the groin, finishing up with a nearby soldier either breaking the neck or slicing it off completely with a heavy sword.

This, according to Jap belief, is honorable.

As far as Yanks fighting on Japanese islands are concerned, this procedure meets with their hearty approval. Hara-kari cases ran into the thousands just on Iwo Jima and Okinawa alone, and each hara-kari represents the conservation of another bullet that Uncle Sam has spent precious War Bond money to get across the lengthy Pacific supply lines.

It also relieves a serious problem that was an Allied problem in the European Theatre of Operations — feeding and taking care of prisoners of war. Each hara-kari incident provides Yank soldiers with more rations, more clothes and more cigarettes.

As hara-kari cases increase by bounds, it becomes more apparent that the entire Japanese Empire is carrying out its ordained unhonorable doom of national hara-kari—the utter destruction of the treacherous squint-eye who signed his death warrant at Pearl Harbor.

It seems that the only industrialists making money in Japan these days are the manufacturers of hara-kari daggers and swords—made from the steel of American scrap metal, but impulsed by the steel of undauntable American soldiers.

Yes, Hara-Kari Harry, keep up your fine honorable work. We like your graveyard shift. —Golden Gate Guardian.

New Suicide Weapons Perfected in Japan

San Francisco (CNS)—The Japs are still in there trying to win the war, and they don't care how many lives they lose trying. Their latest boast concerns suicide weapons to meet our forthcoming invasion, prepared, they say, in numbers "almost equal" to all the tanks and guns used in the western war.

A Domei news agency propagandist said: "I even hope for an early landing of the enemy forces on our mainland, just to sense the thrill when we strike a deadly blow to the enemy and in expectation of world-wide amazement when our special attack weapons display full activity."

Use of suicide weapons in Okinawa was experimental, Domei tells us, and have now been perfected. "Japan's future," one radio commentator went on, "is indeed bright."

On the other hand, Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher says that Jap suicide attacks are not more than 2% effective.

No Jinx

Private Royce M. Scott, a patient at Letterman General Hospital, pondered Thursday the advisability of accepting a San Francisco pass Friday afternoon, July 13, and concluded after second—or perhaps thirteenth—thought that the risk was too great.

More than one memorable experience with the mystic number determined Private Scott's course.

On Friday, April 13, Pvt. Scott ladned with the infantry on Okinawa; May 13, crouching in a trench under Jap machine gun fire, he had the pack on his back riddled with bullets and his field jacket and raincoat polka dotted with holes. Thirty minutes later and exploding shell gave him brain concussion.

On July 21, a week from today, the 22-year-old Waco, Texas infantryman will have been in the army 13 months.



New silver bars made bright highlights for one Letterman nurse this week; a few new faces were noted around the wards and several familiar faces were missing but otherwise few major changes occurred in the ANC staff.

First Lieutenant Angelina M. Panero, who has been at Letterman since April 16, was promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. The Army nurse, whose home is Fresno, was commissioned a second lieutenant April 1, 1941.

Two new nurses came here from the Army nurse training center, Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash. They are Second Lieutenant Agnes L. Simpson and Dorothy A. Dull.

Lieutenant Simpson, whose home is Long Beach, entered the Army June 31. She was graduated in 1941 from Long Beach Junior College and in February of last year from the University of California.

Lieutenant Dull, who entered the Army June 1, is another native Californian. She lived in Berkeley before entering the Army Nurse Corps. As a civilian, she took her nurse's training at Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz.

The redistribution station at Miami Beach, Fla., added two new members to the Letterman nursing staff, First Lieutenant Lois Merck and First Lieutenant Lesse M. Hall.

First Lieutenant Katherine C. Forrestall came here from the redistribution station at Asheville, N. C., and Second Lieutenant Kathleen D. King came here for assignment from Brooklyn, N. Y.

Second Lieutenants Eloise L. Stickney and Etta J. Underwood left Letterman this week for Milmington, California, assignments.

Darien, Conn (CNS)—A woman phoned her minister, told him she was going to commit suicide, then drank what the medical examiner called "enough whiskey for 6 people." It killed her all right, but what a way to die!

Kokomo, Ind (CNS)—The big issue in this divorce suit is not custody of the children but custody of an elephant. Terrell Jacobs says he doesn't mind losing his wife, Marie, but he wants that elephant. So does Marie. Its loss, says Jacobs would leave him with only 8 lions, 5 tiger cubs, 4 leopards, and 4 monkeys. Both are circus performers.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 15, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Receive Awards

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General at Letterman, conferred awards of the Bronze Star and the Order of the Purple Heart upon two army officers in a ceremony Monday morning in his office.

Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, Executive Officer, read the accompanying citations and First Lieutenant Claude A. McBay, MAC, acting aide de camp to the general, assisted in the ceremony.

Captain Charles L. Wolfe of the Judge Advocate General Department received the Bronze Star award for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, in May 1944. The officer is from Henderson, Texas.

The Purple Heart award went to Major Joseph H. Wilson, Jr., AAF, for wounds received in air combat against the enemy in the Pacific area Jan. 1, 1945. Major Wilson's home is Gainesville, Ga.

Additional awards of the Bronze Star and the Order of the Purple Heart were made by General Hillman Friday morning.

In a ceremony in his office the general presented 2nd Lieutenant Faye Turner, Letterman nurse, with the Bronze Star for her care of civilian and military personnel on Saipan between July 9 and August 6, 1944. Lieutenant Turner reported for duty at Letterman May 31 and is assigned to Ward E-1.

The Purple Heart award went to Pfc Edward F. Brennan, Brooklyn infantryman, for wounds received in action at Okinawa April 28. Pfc Brennan received the award in a bedside ceremony on his ward, E-1.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LUCINDA L. SLAY
Pvt.

When Lucinda L. Slay became a WAC private last April, the Slay family had added its last civilian member to the ranks of the Army.

Private Slay is the daughter of a newly-retired lieutenant-colonel; her mother is a member of the WAC. She also has two brothers in the Army and a sister in the Army Nurse Corps.

The WAC private, who will have been at Letterman two weeks tomorrow, works in the hospital pharmacy. For two and a half years before entering the WAC, Private Slay was a lab technician in the chemical laboratory of a Texas oil refinery. She received the scientific background for that work and for her present job at Sam Houston State Teachers' College, which she attended two years.

Private Slay grew up in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, living there with her family which began to break up in 1940 as one member after another went into service. Her father, a medical officer in the first world war, left first. Previously a reserve officer ,he reported for active duty in Panama.

In September of 1941 Private Slay's two brothers enlisted in the Army. One is now a major and overseas, the other a first lieutenant at Victorville Army Air Base, California. Her sister joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1942 and served in the Pacific area before returning to the States last March.

Before Mrs. Slay joined the Army two years ago she taught mathematics in the Houston Junior High School. She is now awaiting a discharge from the WAC and expects to join her husband at the family farm in Mississippi.

When the war is over Private Slay plans to go back to college to study pharmacy, a subject in which the Army has given her additional interest.

NEXT WEEK MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF U. S. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

The Army Medical Department will celebrate its 170th anniversary on 27 July of this year with the realization that it has grown into the largest organization of the kind ever known and that it is giving this nation's army the best medical care that soldiers have ever received.

From its inception in 1775 shortly after General George Washington became Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army until the present day, the Army Medical Department has made steady progress in military medicine; it has made scientific discoveries that have benefited all of mankind; but never has its progress in both of these categories been so rapid as in recent years.

The Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, in a tribute to the work being done by the Medical Department under Major General Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon General ,recently said that no army at any time in history has achieved a record of recovery from wounds and freedom from disease comparable to that of the American Army in this war. Mr. Patterson said also that the Medical Department is attaining new records in almost every field of its endeavor. He cited the Army's record of saving nearly 97 of every 100 wounded soldiers who reach Army Hospitals, the disease rate of less than one in one thousand, and similarly startling figures with reference to malaria, the dysenteries, and other diseases, showing that the Medical Department has established effective control on all disease fronts.

No greater tribute can be paid to the Medical Department of our Army than the tribute paid by its record of saving lives in this war.

It is a record written by Medical Corpsmen following the troops into battle; by doctors performing their surgery amid the bursting of bombs; by the self-sacrifice of American women in the Nurse Corps, laboring long hours under the most difficult of conditions, by thousands of other Medical Department personnel, and by scientific research and development.



BORRAH MINEVITCH

Right front—with his music-making "Harmonica Rascals," will be one of the chief attractions of the USO camp show, Hi Jinks, to be given before Letterman audiences Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Presidio "Y."

Omaha, Neb (CNS)—An Omaha surgeon was called upon recently to remove from the head of a small boy a chamber pot which had become wedged over the lad's ears when he was struck over the head by a playmate while playing a realistic war game. Both child and pot were salvaged.

Tampa, Fla (CNS)—When the cops found Sgt Carl Lokken's dog tags at the scene of a robbery, they thought they had their man. Turned out that Lokken was at an Air Service Command depot in Assam at the time. Moral: Keep a tight rein on those dog tags.

ON THE SPOT



LEON ECKMAN
Sgt.

Few infantrymen who fought there will mention another engagement in the same breath with Okinawa, but Sergeant Leon Eckman cites the Jap suicide charge on Saipan as the one day of most concentrated violence.

"I am sure the Japs on Okinawa fought with better tactics and organization than anywhere else, but that 'banzai' day on Saipan was like nothing else," declared the Moorhead, Minnesota, machinegunner, who fought with the 27th Infantry Division in the two campaigns.

Wounded on both islands, he has the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. His decorations also include the Combat Infantryman Badge, earned by exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

"They charged us in wild waves all day long, some of them with nothing but clubs or knives," he said, still seeing the scene vividly as he described it at Letterman, almost a year later.

"That was July 7. We were pushing the last of them into a pocket, and they were going to kill as many of us as they could before they died.

"It began about 4 in the morning, and the situation wasn't under control until after dark that night. Japs were all over the place, men fighting them hand to hand, in their foxholes, everywhere. I think there were estimated to be more than 3000 of them.

"Closest one got to me was four feet in front of my machinegun. All the machinegunners had Jap bodies piled up in front of them."

Promoted to sergeant after the Saipan campaign, he was made acting platoon sergeant of his rifle company's weapons platoon on Okinawa.

"We got there," he related, "and went into the line in time for the big jump-off for Skyline Ridge, part

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MEDICAL DETACH

A welcome is extended to Pvt. Merle S. Knutson who joined the detachment during the past week.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the week: T/Sgts. Joseph S. Lopez and John V. Ryan appointed M/Sgts; S/Sgts. Chauncey D. Young, Vincent R. Cellucci, Rudolph O. Shellhorn, and James J. Corridan appointed T/Sgts.; Sgts. Anton J. Sterr, Firmino B. Cavalli, and Robert J. Harrington appointed S/Sgts.; Cpls. Arthur F. Fields, Kenneth W. Howland, Arthur D. Louder, Adolph Noce, Baker B. Britton, George A. Lopach, Vernal J. Whiteland, Kenneth A. Herried, Dario Meucci, Addison D. Lewis, William H. Niehoff, John E. Perkins, Henry E. Theiler, and Robert G. Purkey, appointed Sgts.; T/5 Gr. Kenneth L. Dickens appointed T/4th Gr.; Pvts. Earl L. Allen, Robert C. Anderson, Ray Kimbell, John N. Schutz, Chester D. Williams, Harold L. Eads, Herbert P. Martell, Ines F. Singson, Donald C. Baker, Wendel E. Friedlund, Edward A. Rhinehart, Ralph C. Steinkellner, Dave M. Berstein, Verne Buckle, Lam S. Dong, Harry Grosspietsch, Georg F. Dorn, Urban J. Louis, Richard A. Gorecki, Philip Busalachi, Paul J. Etzkorn, Leonard J. Gervais, Woodrow W. Spikes and Frederick W. Kriel appointed Cpls.; Pvts. Arthur C. Blackwell, Ben B. Lurye, Paulino S. Magale, Gino A. Minoia, Wallace J. Anderson T/5th Gr.; Pvts. Frank J. Pedrick, Leonard P. Sapone, Joseph Rogers, Ned R. Spaulding, Vernon Russell and George G. Young appointed Privates First Class.

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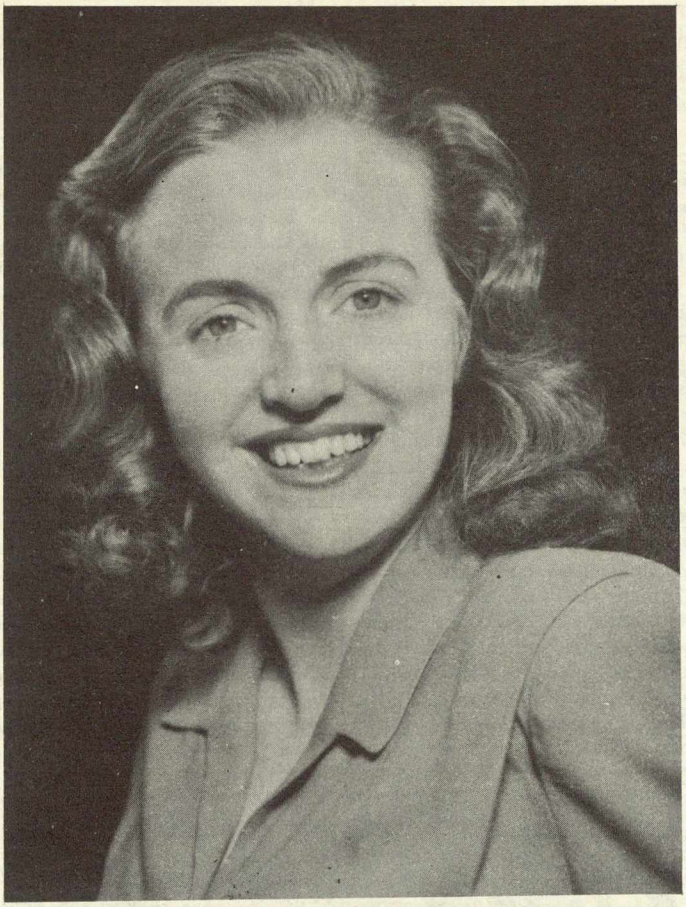
Cpl. Paul Wayne recently taking a week-end trip to Reno where he was married. Congratulations, Paul!

Pvt. Frank T. Colaizzo now the Letterman Champ in Snooker after winning the championship last Monday afternoon in the singles tournament held in the service club.

T/3rd Gr. Charles E. Wilcox surprising all onlookers by beating the highly favored M/Sgt. Vaughn G. Yoemans in the Billiard tournament.

M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz starting the fishing season with a bang after catching two large bass last Sunday at Sharp's Park.

MISS BETTY JO GARFF PARTICIPATES IN MANY LETTERMAN ACTIVITIES



BETTY JO GARFF

Coworkers know Miss Betty Jo Garff as the Commanding General's charming and pleasantly efficient secretary; patrons of the recent war bond auction at Letterman remember her as the blind date prize which added several more digits to bond sales totals, and post military personnel recognize her as one of the Y's smiling junior hostesses.

Few of her associates know, however, that Miss Garff's pre-Letterman career was mainly scholastic, that she is an economics and education graduate of the University of Utah. She entered college when she was 16, and she is planning to return to school after the war to study law.

For two years after graduation from the university, Miss Garff was assistant graduate manager of student activities, a job which she liked because it involved working with students she knew.

Then, heading for glamour, she went to Hollywood where she worked a year as receptionist in the public relations office of Twentieth Century Fox. She recalls talking to Don Ameche, Betty Grable, other celebrities, but doesn't remember ever being especially excited; it was all just in a day's work.

But if movie stars will not bring an enthusiastic reaction from Miss Garff, skiing and tennis will. She learned to ski at the university where they could ski high in the mountains from November to April. She was president of the tennis club at school.

Last December Miss Garff came to San Francisco on a visit and returned to live here with her former college roommate. She began working at Letterman in January, first for the hospital inspector, later as secretary to Captain William R.

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WAC

Twenty-two WACs are taking advantage of an opportunity to learn the intricacies of typewriting in evening and afternoon classes sponsored by the board of education of the City of San Francisco.

Letterman's information and education branch arranged for the classes which met for the first time Monday night. The branch is planning evening courses in Spanish, psychology and shorthand and will arrange for courses in any subject at the request of 15 persons.

Evening typing courses are being held Monday, Wednesday and Friday and WACs unable to come at night are also being admitted to civilian afternoon meetings five days a week. Classes meet in Building 85 in the Presidio.

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Number three on the list of activated WAC companies at Letterman came up Friday as the 126th WAC hospital group officially became a company.

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One of Letterman's largest groups of student technicians wound up their month's on the job training here Saturday and became assigned members of the detachment.

Medical technicians in the group were: Privates Opal A. Anderson, Helen M. Davis, Wilma R. Davis, Mary E. Dingle, Mary L. Hanna, Leatris D. Lamascus, Betty J. Madruga, Ruth M. Moor, Elizabeth J. Ryan, Virginia M. Shaffer, Gwenn I. Stevens, Afton Thompson, Lillian E. Wright, Margaret J. Harris, Sally T. Kwansniewski, Cleo J. Marvel, Ruby M. McAtee, Mary C. Novak, Margaret A. Riordon, Verle L. Simmons, Ingrid M. Slaasted, Evelyn M. Szymczak, Opal C. Wells and Ruth M. Wright.

Privates who are now qualified surgical technicians are: Flora Adams, Wawena L. Blackwelder, Alice Frick, Beatrice L. Kelsey, Ethel M. Nelson, Lurline Nobles, Susie M. Ridge, Doris L. Strawn, Josephine E. Casper, Betty J. Chobanian, Catherine G. Dutton, Lucille C. Pearce, Thelma C. Rutkoowski, Florence E. Schrimsher and Elizabeth Williamson.

Rochester, N. Y. (CNS) — A prospective bridegroom sent this plea to his ration board: "I'm getting married. So I need a new pair of work shoes." The board marked his request "urgent."

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

We'll get right to the point this week because there's a great deal of travel news to report among our civilian contingent.

Kathleen Tracy and **Irene Wallace** are in the wide open spaces riding horses and swimming on a ranch near Santa Barbara. They're going all out for fun and expect to return with wonderful sun tans.

Jackie Gibson from X-ray is back after a relaxing sojourn on Russian River.

Also from X-ray is **Helen Miller,** who has left for Jacksonville, Fla., to be married. Her fiance is a Navy man and they plan to make their home in the southern state.

Jeanne Davis and her husband, T/4 John R. Davis, flew down to Beverly Hills this week. They hadn't made any definite plans, but anything concerning Jeanne will be exciting, to say the least. They'll report for duty on Monday.

Betty Bishop is a happy girl. She's on leave with her husband, who has just returned from an 18 months' tour of duty overseas. She's showing him everything of interest in the Bay Area, and they plan to spend a few days in the mountains. San Francisco is the best place we can think of for general merrymaking.

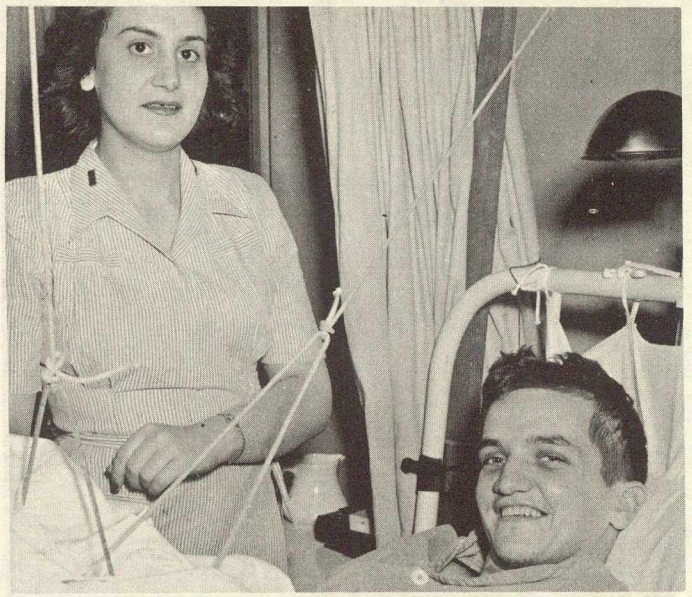
Beverly Rowe is in San Diego at a summer resort sunning herself and **Bernice Riney** has gone all the way to Virginia to see her Army husband.

From the Laundry we hear that **Janet Patten** has been on a fishing trip. They were beginning to think that she had decided to make her home in the wilds. **Florence Costello** is on leave beaming over her brand new granddaughter. **Katheryn Hatt** has chosen Napa County for her leisure days and **Mary Frances Parry** intends to relax in the sulphur waters at Fetter's Springs in Sonoma County and sleep and sleep and sleep, unquote. Doesn't it sound wonderful.

Betty Everling from the Information Office will accompany **Dorothy Borres** to Camp Adair, Oregon, where Dorothy's husband is now stationed.

Washington (CNS)—Col Florence A. Blanchfield, Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, won the Distinguished Service Medal, "for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service." She is the first member of the ANC to receive the award during this war.

BRENNAN OF BROOKLYN BLUSHINGLY BELIEVES "DEM BUMS" UNBEATABLE



Pfc. EDWARD F. BRENNAN
Late of Okinawa but always from Brooklyn. At his side is Lieut. Shirley Wien, ANC, late of the Mediterranean and likewise from Brooklyn and at the moment his favorite nurse.

One man undaunted by the recent drop of the Dodgers from the pinnacle of the National League and ready to defend his home team at all times is Pfc. Edward F. Brennan —proud to be a native of Brooklyn.

Brennan came to us by way of Okinawa and other way stations of the Seventh Division. A piece of enemy shrapnel caught him in the leg and another piece hit him in the head, but thanks to the old Brooklyn custom of bouncing baseballs off babies' heads, he was well prepared for the shock of shrapnel. It has been known for a long time that a fly ball will carrom from the head of a Dodger outfielder and leave him unhurt but this is the first instance to indicate that the Brooklyn heads are immune to shrapnel.

Brennan was with the 17th Infantry of the 7th Division for 30 months prior to being wounded, and he saw action at Attu, Kwajalein, and Leyte before moving on to Okinawa. He was just one month over two years on overseas service and it is his contention that men from Brooklyn are rugged enough to take that long before a Jap could knock 'em over. If you happen to know Brooklyn, you will appreciate the sturdy make up of Brennan when we tell you he comes from the Red Hook section. A locale where the farther down the street one lives the tougher he is—and Brennan lives in the last house.

He considers he got quite a break in coming to Letterman where he found a kindred spirit in the person of 1st Lieutenant Shirley Wien, ANC—another Dodger fan and native of the village across the bridge from New York. Lt. Wien is the nurse on his ward and now all the other patients are well aware of the attributes which make Brooklyn great. At least, to the native sons and daughters. Lieut. Wien is an overseas veteran herself with a record of over two years in Africa and Italy, so there is plenty to talk about in discussing the relative rigors of the war in the Mediterranean and that in the Pacific.

The combination found in Brooklyn Irishmen makes Brennan the center of attraction on his ward. Everyone passing by will stop for a word and linger for a conversation. As one sergeant remarked: "This Brennan certainly has slowed down our production. We cannot tear ourselves away from him."

He has received the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in action and he has received the acclaim of all who know him as one of the cheeriest patients ever under the Letterman care. With the Dodgers back in first place his joy will be complete.



To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Henry **Christensen,** a girl, **Gloria Jean,** born 2 July, weight 7 pounds and 2 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert S. **Hendrickson,** a girl **Susan Elizabeth,** born 2 July, weight 6 pounds and 3 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Wallace **Matthews,** a boy, **Douglas Gary,** born 4 July, weight 9 pounds and 5 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Donald **Smith,** a girl, **Judy Gene,** born 4 July, weight 6 pounds and 5 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. James **Pinske,** a boy, **Michael James,** born 5 July, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Sheldon P. **Purdy,** Jr., a boy,**Robert Loyd,** born 5 July, weight 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

To WOJG and Mrs. Alexander **Shackman,** a girl, **Mary Stuart,** born 5 July, weight 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Kurt F. **Rupke,** a girl, **Theresa Marianne,** born 5 July, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Eugene T. **King,** a boy, **William David,** born 5 July, weight 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Russell W. **Hall,** a boy, **John William,** born 5 July, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces.

To Pfc. and Mrs. Carl B. **Nelms,** a boy, **Herbert Vincent,** born 6 July, weight 6 pounds and 4 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Atillio A. **Benvenuto,** a girl, **Judith Anne,** born 7 July, weight 6 pounds and 3 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Gordon A. **Dodge,** a boy, **Robert Durbin,** born 7 July, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Terrance **Jackson,** a girl, **Gloria J.,** born 7 July, weight 8 pounds and 5 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Nick **Klaich,** a boy, **Nicholas Leonard,** born 7 July, weight 7 pounds and 14 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Henry G. **Knotts,** a girl, **Judith Ann,** born 7 July, weight 7 pounds.

Borrah Minevitch Here Next Week

Harmonica-playing Borrah Minevitch and his musically versatile "Harmonica Rascals" will be one of a six-feature USO camp show, Hi Jinks, to be given before Letterman audiences Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The first performance will be given for detachment men and patients at 6:30 p. m. Monday at the Y. Wacs and patients will have a chance to see the show at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Y. A third and final performance is scheduled for military and civilian personnel at Dante at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

Officers as well as enlisted persons may attend performances and guests are welcome.

Also included in the program will be comedy acts, a singing and guitar team and musical novelties by stage, screen and radio professionals.

MORE ABOUT SGT. ECKMAN

of the main defense line on the southern end of the island. Morphine Ridge was what we called it.

The following morning he was on his way to check one of his platoon's machineguns when a Jap rifleman spotted him and put a bullet in his right thigh. After a 50-yard crawl to the company command post, he said, he was evacuated quickly by jeep.

The 23-year-old sergeant spent 38 months overseas.

Before entering the service in November, 1941, he worked on a farm near Moorhead. He is the son of Mrs. Laura Erickson, of 312 Thirteenth Street, North Moorhead.

MORE ABOUT BETTY JO GARFF

Moody, at that time war bond officer, and more recently as secretary to Brigadier General Charles G. Hillman, the hospital's commanding general.

Educationally, Miss Garff feels that after the war she had better catch up with her two older sisters who have their master's degrees and with her younger sister who is being graduated next year from the University of Utah and is planning to go into diplomatic service. She also has a brother not yet 18 who has completed two years of pre med school.



STILL ANOTHER COLUMBIA "LOOK OF THE MONTH" Out of the puppet box . . . Real as life, effervescent Janet Blair, as eye-arresting a marionette as anyone could wish, steps from behind the curtains to pose for Columbia's "Look of the Month." Janet will next play the feminine lead in "Tars and Spars," based on the U. S. Coast Guard show of the same title.



"If you ask me, Captain, the Marines have beaten us again."

Last Inning Walks Defeats Letterman,9-8

Letterman WAC softball players were eased out, by a score of 9-8, Wednesday afternoon by the Dibble General Hospital team in a game which seemed to promise local victory until the last play-packed moments of the final inning.

The score, 4-1 in favor of Dibble at the beginning of the fourth inning, took an upward swing in Letterman's favor later in the fourth and the top half of the fifth inning. At the end of the fifth Letterman was leading, 7-5.

By the top half of the seventh inning Letterman players had upped their lead by one run to make the score 8-5. In the final inning Dibble players upset the anticipated LGH victory by walking four members in to home base to bring the final score 9-8, Dibble's favor.

An estimated 300 Dibble spectators viewed the game in addition to sports fans from Letterman who were taken by bus to the Menlo Park hospital's field.

News From Home

Brooklyn (CNS) — A library asked doodlers who fill in O's in books with pen or pencil to cut it out.

Carson City, Nev (CNS)—A local resident wears this sign on his back, while walking the streets of Carson City: "Kick me. I love it." He collects 25 cents a boot. Makes a nice living, too.

Cheyenne, Wyo (CNS)—A tall stranger walked into a local package store and ordered a pint of rye. "Shall I wrap it?" queried the clerk. "No, thanks," said the stranger. "I'll drink it here." He did, in half a dozen swallows, then walked majestically out.

Hollywood (CNS)—This is nice work if you can get it: the movie script called for "kiss-smeared lipstick," but makeup artists couldn't produce the proper effect. Actor Zachary Scott offered to produce the real thing upon the lady in question, and he did.

Indianapolis (CNS)—The meanest rat in Indianapolis is the one who nibbled through a cardboard box and ate all the meat ration stamps at Danny Kroger's grocery store.

New York (CNS)—The Maritime Commission placed some surplus bells on sale. Some, marked USN, the commission announced, are "particularly desirable for citizens whose initials are USN."

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Letterman to Play Host to Hospital PROs Next Week

Public Relations Officers of General and Convalescent Hospitals of the Ninth Service Command will meet at Letterman for a two day conference starting Tuesday, July 23d.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry M. Lutgens, Director, and Mr. Harold Marshall, in charge of Hospital Public Relations Information, Technical Information Division, Surgeon General's office, will fly here from Washington D. C. to attend and contribute to the program.

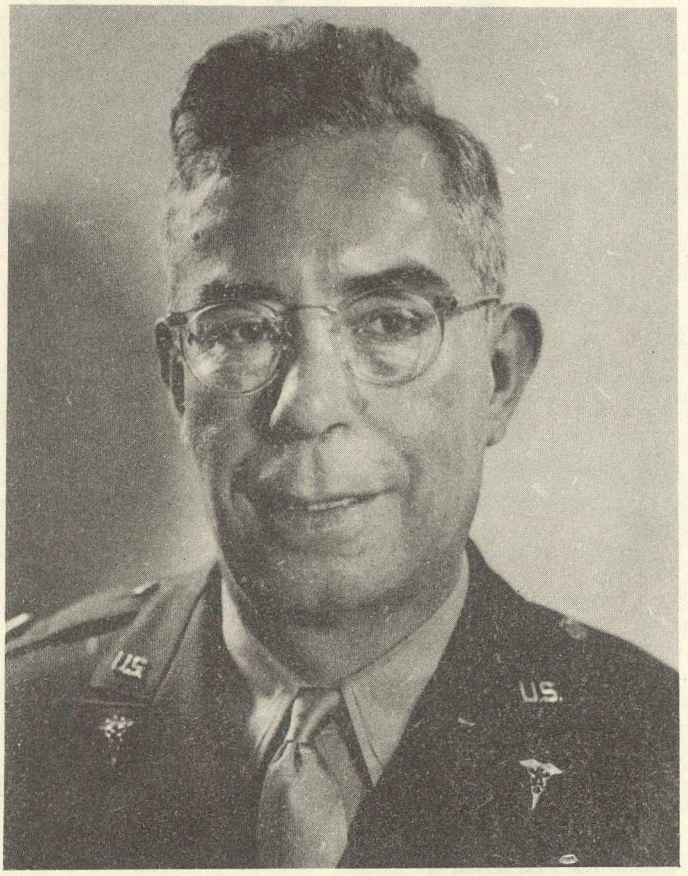
After an official welcome from Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, Lt. Col. Eugene D. Mullins, Service Command Public Relations Officer, will start the conference by explaining the main purposes of the meeting —discussion of policy, coordination of service and improvement of public relations.

Next, Colonel Luther R. Moore, Service Command Surgeon, will speak about Public Relations from the viewpoint of the Hospital Commanding Officer, followed by Chaplain Thomas McKenna, who will explain the problems of the debarkation hospital.

The afternoon session will consist of informal talks by Lt. Col. Mullins, Lt. Colonel Lutgens & Mr. Marshall on Public Relations programs and the best methods of using information from the Surgeon General's office. Jack Hanley, Pacific Coast Director for INS will give his views on how the public relations officers can help the newspapers, and Austin Fenger, KSFO News Commentator, will discuss the same subject of public relations aid from the standpoint of radio.

On Tuesday, the conference will open with a short discussion by observe debarkation of the wounded.

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Lieut. Colonel WILLIAM L. BESWICK, MAC

Long time Lettermanite back here for duty after more than three years in the Southwest Pacific

LT. COL. BESWICK RETURNS TO LGH

Orders issued this week assigning Lieutenant Colonel William L. Beswick, MAC., to duty at Letterman, brought back to us one of real "old timers" and he is now beginning another of his long continuous tours of duty, we hope. He may be set to equal or surpass the record he established by staying at West Point for 13 years, or even set up another 10 year record such as he had in the Hawaiian Islands. He already has five years at Letterman to his credit on a prior tour.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor was bombed, Col. Beswick was selected for an important post on the staff of the Surgeon, Hqrs. SOS in the Southwest Pacific. He remained there 40 months, advancing from the rank of captain to his present grade.

The colonel is yet unassigned to any special duties on the staff and is spending his time getting acquainted with the "new" Letterman.

National Advisory Committee Inspects LGH Wac Detachment

Three members of the National Civilian Advisory Committee came visiting at Letterman Thursday to see the results of the work accomplished by the WAC hospital technicians they helped to recruit last February.

Miss Mary Austin, of Salt Lake City, Miss Marcia Patterson of San Francisco, and Miss Mabel Lee, of Lincoln, Nebraska were accompanied by Lt. Col. Anna Walker Wilson, WAC Staff Director for the European Theater of Operations, and Major Helen Gardner, Ninth Service Command representatives.

During the morning, the group visited the Dental Clinic, the WAC Wards and the Physio-therapy Department. In each place, they had a chance to see the important work the WAC technicians are doing in the complete recovery of the patients.

After lunch, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman escorted the group on a tour of the new buildings, so they could see the nearly-finished gymnasium, swimming pool, library, cafeteria, and wards. They were also shown the newest facilities for speeding the debarkation processes.

Lt. Col. Wilson had just returned from Europe Thursday, where she was awarded just before she left with the Legion of Honor for her outstanding work in France and Britain. Only one other woman has been given this medal.

Wounded Sergeant Says Saipan Surpassed Okinawa for Him

There's a lot that is characteristic of the Infantry in big, red-haired Staff Sergeant Allen D. Parsley, of Newdale, North Carolina, who has been returned to the United States for treatment of a wound suffered on Okinawa.

Circumstances under which he was wounded a few weeks ago were similar in certain respects to those on Saipan last summer when he was hit in the shoulder and won the Silver Star in the same action.

He was taking care of his men on both occasions.

"I hung around until a couple of wounded men from my squad were evacuated," was the way he simplified the Saipan incident during an interview at Letterman.

The Silver Star citation for gallantry in action credited him with more than that, however.

Fire from an enemy machinegun emplacement inside the mouth of a cave held his squad pinned to the ground as they worked closer to the position. Two of the riflemen were wounded.

Sergeant Parsley, who was the squad leader, threw two grenades into the cave, waited ready with his M1 rifle and shooting the two Japs as they came out. Wounded in the shoulder himself during the engagement, he "hung around" until he saw both his men were cared for.

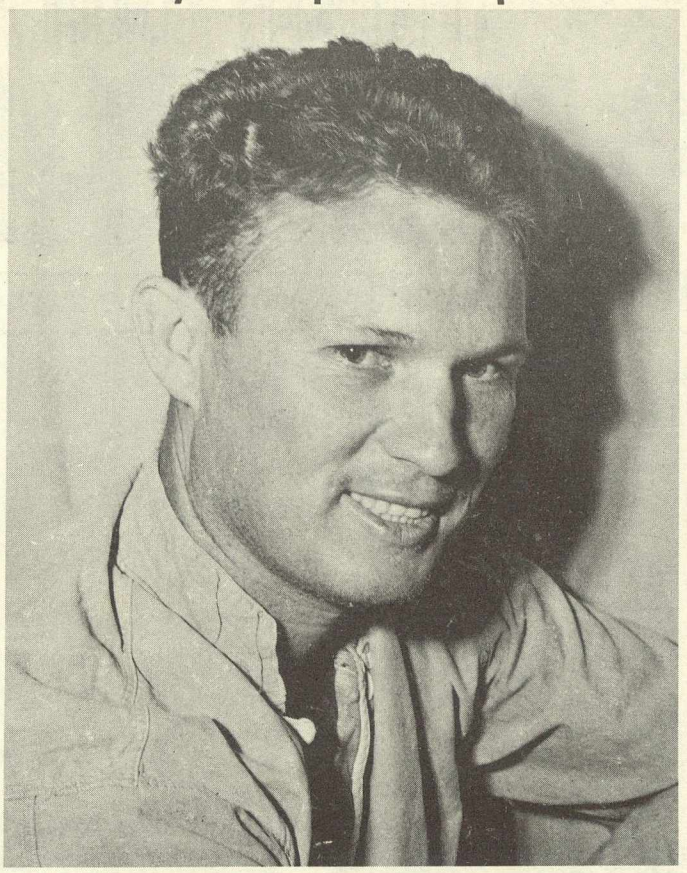
Despite the artillery hell through which he fought with the 27th Infantry "New York" Division on Okinawa, the North Carolina Doughboy still recalls last July 7 on Saipan as the most terrible single day of combat.

That was the day desperate, crazed Japs threw their last resistance at the Infantrymen in a wild "banzai" charge.

"It started at daybreak on July 7 and wasn't really finished until 36 hours later," the sergeant related.

There were several thousand Jap bodies lying around. We had a lot of casualties. Japs were hitting us from all sides in one wave after another all day. Lots of them carried nothing but clubs or maybe a knife or bayonet tied to the end of a pole. There usually isn't much hand-to-hand fighting, but there was plenty of it that day."

After disposing of the Japs on a smaller island of the Ryukyus chain in a day and a half, his unit joined the battel for Okinawa 12 days after our bloodiest Pacific operation began. He had been advanced to acting platoon sergeant.



Staff Sgt. ALLEN D. PARSLEY

Who fought at Saipan and Okinawa and believes the former was tougher

"Okinawa was a rough deal all right," he continued, and his last experience there bears him out.

"We had taken one hill and started to push across an open field on past it when one of my BAR (Browning automatic rifle) men was hit in the chest by machinegun fire.

"I got him on my back and started to cover with him after one of our company medics patched up his wounds a little. I ran through the machinegun fire and made that, but either a sniper or a stray bullet got me in the leg before I got him back to the hill.

"Two medics who were working over both of us a few minutes later were killed when the Japs began shelling us with mortars. I guess it was because they were on their knees and we were flat, but neither one of us was hit again.

"It was almost dark when we were wounded. They had to keep us in the perimeter that night, and we did some more sweating. The Japs pulled a counterattack on us, and although they didn't break into our perimeter we caught a lot of mortar fire and grenades. They used artillery, too."

Sergeant Parsley also saw combat on Makin, in the Gilbert Islands, and has three battle stars on his Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon. He earned the Combat Infantryman Badge by exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, and has the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for his two wounds.

A former feldspar and mica miner, the 29-year-old sergeant has been in the service since September, 1941. He joined the 27th Infantry Division after basic training at the Camp Wolters, Texas Infantry Replacement Training Center, and accompanied it overseas in March, 1942.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parsley, live at Newdale.

Jap Hunting

NEW YORK—There have been scores of stories about the win or die fanaticism of the Japs, but what are the chances of an early victory over the Nips through unconditional surrender?

Two stories in the August 3d issue of YANK, may contain the eventual answer to this puzzler.

Cpl. Justin Gray, YANK correspondent, writing from the Marianas, tells how the island of Tinian is gradualy being cleared of Japs by a novel method of getting them to surrender by the number instead of the long drawn-out process of shooting them one by one. Here is how this new method, based on the theory that mass surrender of the Japanese military is a prerequisite for an early peace, works:

Jap PWs, who have been convinced that they are not going to be tortured or killed, when they fall into our hands, are pressed into service as missionaries. These Jap PWs, reports Gray, are sent out on their own without guards or surveillance and when they persuade other Nips that we will give them an opportunity to surrender, in they come with a fresh batch of PWs.

And Sgt. John McLeod, another YANK correspondent in the Philippines, reports how the 32d Division offered a bonus for anyone who brought in a live Jap. The bonus was a case of beer, a three-day pass to Manila (with two days' travel time) and jeep transportation to, from and within the city.

This scheme is also catching on, according to McLeod, who tells of the Jap-catching activities of T/Sgt. Willie Brown, of DeWitt, Ark., who has brought in so many Nips lately, he figures he has spent more time in Manila recently than up on the Ville Verde Trail with his platoon. In fact, Sgt. Brown thinks we can catch a lot more Jap prisoners.

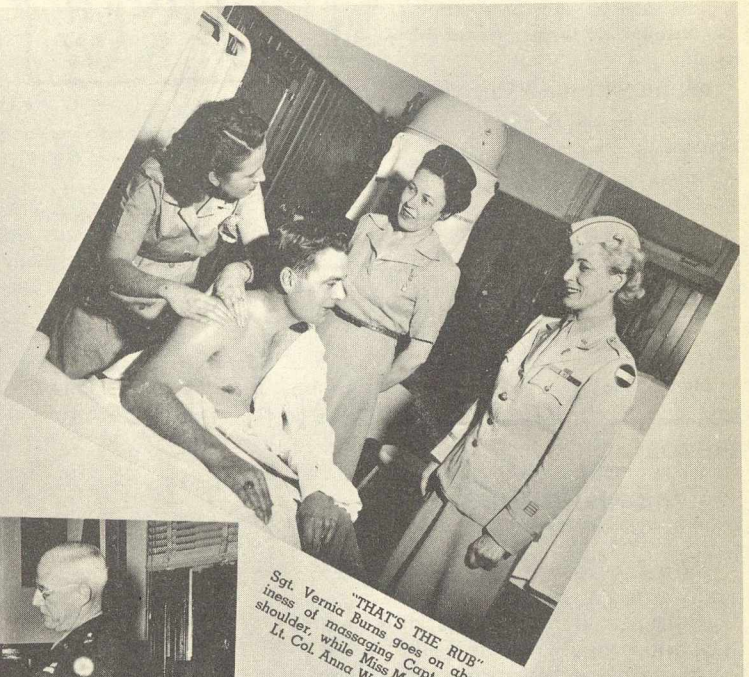
"All you've got to do," he told McLeod, "is get close enough to them."

In addition to these two stories on Jap surrenders, the August 3d issue, now on sale at Ship's Services and Post Exchanges, also includes an article about the 38th Infantry Division in the Pacific and a new assault technique they have developed which turns impregnable Jap strongholds into pushovers.

What The Letterman Cameraman Caught This Week



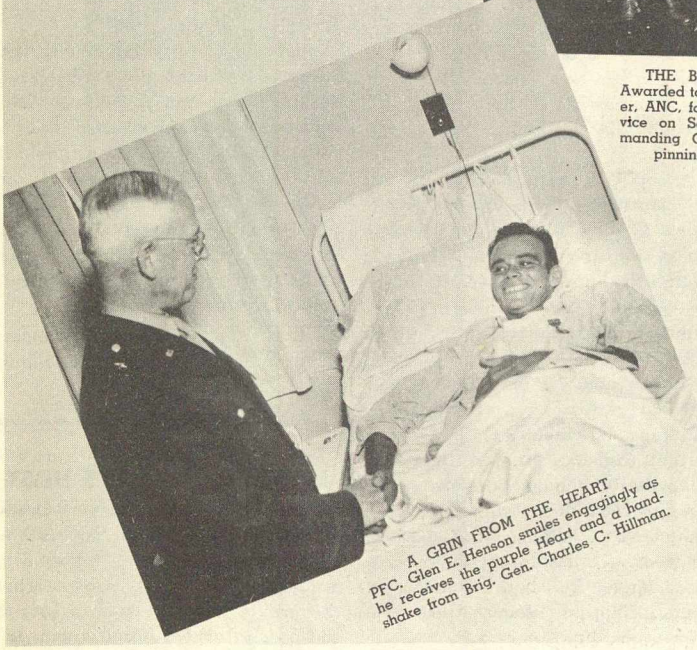
AU REVOIR
Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman says goodbye and poses for a picture with the members of the National Civilian Advisory Committee before they depart from Letterman.



"THAT'S THE RUB"
Sgt. Vernia Burns goes on about the business of massaging Capt. C. D. Collins' shoulder, while Miss Marcia Patterson and Lt. Col. Anna Walker Wilson look on.



THE BRONZE STAR
Awarded to Lieut. Faye Turner, ANC, for meritorious service on Saipan. The Commanding General is shown pinning on the star.



A GRIN FROM THE HEART
PFC. Glen E. Henson smiles engagingly as he receives the purple Heart and a handshake from Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman.



IT PAYS TO THINK
Miss Joanne Edlin is presented a check for $10 by Capt. E. V. Clausen for her improved method of handling restricted telegrams.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

WEARING THE UNIFORM

With so many of the men and women of the armed forces counting up points against the day when they will don civilian garb again the question comes up as to their right to wear the uniform on certain occasions.

A timely bulletin has been issued by the headquarters of the Army Service Forces which appears to clarify the situation. It reads: "All persons who have served honorably in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States during a time of war shall, when not in active service, be entitled to wear on occasions of ceremony the uniform of the highest grade held during wartime service."

Unauthorized wearing of the uniform carries severe penalties but no veteran may fear such unless his conduct or behavior may be such to bring discredit on the military service.

Commanding officers are charged with the responsibility of informing soldiers about to be discharged of their privileges in the matter of the wearing of the uniform—and the obligation that privilege entails.

It is believed that most men will honor that obligation and on the occasions of conventions and reunions the uniform will be distinctive as long as it fits. It is not hard to imagine with the passing years the old

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THE OBSERVER SAW

A lot of moving around the Administration Building and everyone "lost" for the first day or two.

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A letter from Major **Douglas S. Throwell,** now in Munich with the Allied Military Government, sending greetings to the Old Guard at Letterman.

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Lieut. **Edythe Hawthorne Meyers,** one time Lettermanite, making PPC calls as she prepared to return to civilian life in the role of home maker.

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Some scouts starting out to pick up the trail of the long expected WAC band.

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A new first base "man" on the WAC softball team—and what a reach!

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Mrs. **May Beswick** back at her old desk and the "regulars" very happy about it.

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A good 10 dog fight in the parking area. Special Services should make that a regular feature on the enterainment program.

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The sun coming out on Friday morning.

Hi Jinks USO Show Is Big Hit at LGH

Patients, civilians and detachment personnel of Letterman and its Dante annex witnessed the frolicing comedy and musical novelties of the USO show, Hi Jinks, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

An audience estimated at 500 saw the four-feature program Monday night at the Presidio "Y" and several hundred Dante employes watched the Wednesday afternoon performance at the annex. The stage-screen-radio troupe spent Tuesday entertaining patients in wards D-1, F-1 and S-1.

Included in the program were the professional music-makers, Borah Minevitch and his "Harmonica Rascals;" the Harry Ross-Nancy Deane comedy team; Chicago's pantomime threesome, the Bobby-Soxers, and the singing, dancing star of "Show Boat," Aunt Jemima.



One ANC captain and a handful of lieutenants were added to the Letterman nursing staff this week while about a score of nurses temporarily deserted the hospital on leave.

Captain Etta M. Leason of Raton, N. M., who was in the Asiatic-Pacific area from May, 1944, to June, 1945, came here from the hospital ship company at Camp Anza, Calif. Before entering the Army in July, 1941, Captain Leason was a hospital supervisor in Raton.

From Miami Beach, Fla., redistribution station came three new nurses, 1st Lieutenant Evelyn M. Millis, 1st Lieutenant Dorothy Ellson and 1st Lieutenant Evelyn M. Gustafson.

Lieutenant Millis of Peoria, Ill., entered the Army in September, 1942, and served in the South Pacific area from November of that year until last April. Lieutenant Ellson, who supervised the Norwegian-American Hospital in Chicago before entering the Army in September, 1942, was also in the Pacific from October, 1942, until last May; her home is Sturtevant, Wis.

Lieutenant Gustafson, last of the trio to come from Miami Beach, was in New Caledonia and the New Hebrides before returning to the States. Also a Mid-westerner, she comes from Moline, Ill.

After serving in Africa and Italy for two years, 1st Lieutenant Frances C. Durkin of Asbury Park, N. J., returned to this country in April, she was assigned here from the Asheville, N. C., redistribution station.

Alaska was the last assignment of 1st Lieutenant Jessie E. Nelson who spent 22 months there before coming to the sunshine state. A resident of Duluth, Minn., Lieutenant Nelson was assigned here from the redistribution station at Hot Springs, Ark.

Nurses now on leave and scheduled to return the latter part of July are 1st Lieutenants Margaret Wright, Rebecca Hoover and Catherine Veitenheimer and 2nd Lieutenants Mauddean Anderson, Doris Bailey, Dora DeRock, Flora Facchini, Mary Jane Christensen, Sylvia Lueking, Mabel LeFebore, Juanita Sofranko, Margie Wada, Ruth Wise and Agnes Simpson.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 22, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Former Letterman Officers Come Back For Brief Visit

One of the nicer things about the redeployment situation is that it affords some of our old timers the opportunity to drop in for a visit with the friends they left behind here.

During the week it was a pleasure to see Colonel Oral B. Bolibaugh, MC., recently returned from the European theatre of operations where he had served almost three years. The colonel is a former chief of the Orthopedic Service at Letterman and left us to organize the 59th Evacuation Hospital as his first command. That unit went overseas and saw service in Africa, Sicily, Italy, on the Anzio beachhead, and later in France and Germany.

Colonel Bolibaugh is now on leave of absence and awaiting re-assignment.

Another very popular former Lettermanite around town this week was 1st Lieut. Ann B. Bakalar, ANC, enjoying a leave of absence prior to moving on to where the war is still being waged. The lieutenant saw service in Wales, England, France and Germany, and was with the unit that took over the care of the patients in the notorious Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

Lieut. Bakalar left San Francisco on Friday for a visit with her family in Denver.

MORE ABOUT LETTERMAN PLAYS HOST

each public relations officer on how he runs his department, followed by a question and answer session. Then the group plans to make a tour of the port to visit a hospital ship and

WAC OF THE WEEK



SARAH M. HIATT
Private

Viewing the bay from the shoreline isn't so exciting as watching the Pacific from a porthole or the top deck of a ship, but Pvt. Sarah M. Hiatt is contented because she is doing the medical work she likes.

The WAC private, who was formerly a ship stewardess and plans to resume that work after the war, today completes her month's practical training as a medical technician. She came to Letterman June 23.

Eager to do war work, Pvt. Hiatt volunteered as a stewardess in the National Maritime Union and was accepted. With one other woman and a male crew composed of Norwegians, Australians and English, she left California in June 1943 to travel for seven months on a Norwegian oil tanker that hauled oil to American plane bases in the Pacific.

Her duties included care of several of the ship's officers, some of their quarters and first aid, when necessary. Frequently it was necessary. Once the force of discharged guns threw a crew member to the deck where he fell, face-down, on a spike. Private Hiatt had had no experience stitching torn faces but she did it, with white silk thread, without even an anesthetic because there was none.

"If you have no one else to depend on and you don't expect anyone else for 28 days, you just have to do it yourself," she commented.

While in the Persian Gulf area, Private Hiatt signed off the tanker and joined the Army Transport Service.

Working in the hospital quarters of a U.S. bound ship, she helped care for Indian and Chinese refugees, New Zealand brides and wounded American veterans of the Pacific war, who were coming home; they landed at Wilmington Feb. 23, 1944.

Wreckage of Berlin Shows What Another War Will Do

By Camp Newspaper Service

What the world may expect in ruin and destruction if efforts to prevent another war fail was foretold by Drew Middleton in The New York Times after a recent visit to bomb- and shell-wrecked Berlin. He writes:

"The city of Berlin, lying dead and unburied under the sunlight, is a somber reminder of what another war will mean to cities, and that the end of Western urban civilization is no longer an empty phrase but a terrible fact already within the grasp of mankind. . . .

"There is an atmosphere of death and decay unlike that in any other heavily bombed city, and there is an emptiness on the faces of the people totally unlike the expressions of Londoners during the blitz of 1940, or of the people of Frankfurt, a heavily bombed city, today. . . .

"After traveling through the city this correspondent believes it will take a generation or more to rebuild Berlin—if, indeed, the German people, weakened by 5 and a half years of war, are ever able to complete so colossal a task. . . . In many sections it is not a question of craters and shattered houses, it is merely one of the height of the hills of rubble. These enormous pyramids of red-yellow debris are all that is left of thousands of buildings.

'Nothing But Emptiness'

"The full extent of the damage is best seen from the air. When a plane is over the Tiergarten (a park in the center of the city) you can look in any direction and see nothing but emptiness and desolation. It was at a time when lights were going on in cities that are alive, but the shadows were creeping across the face of Berlin, unrelieved by any light.

"Those areas which appear only partly damaged from the ground are revealed as heavily damaged from the air, for there is nothing but space behind the walls. Bomb blasts have dumped floors into cellars and blown off the roofs of buildings. . . .

"There is a peculiar feeling that one is seeing a world in its twilight when you drive through the worst damaged parts of Berlin. Although the sun was bright, the penetrating odor of all heavily bombed cities, composed of the peculiar musty smell of debris and the sweetly nauseating smell of death, prevailed everywhere.

No Germans Visible

"One's car moves for block after block, and the only difference is in the piles of rubble or the number of small jagged-edged bits of wall still standing. There are almost no Germans visible in the worst sectors. In other areas less badly damaged by Berlin standards but horribly devastated by any other, a few families manage to live in cellars and in the battered lower stories of burnt-out buildings.

"The story of what they have seen and endured is in their faces. Their eyes are dull, their movements slow and deliberate like those of people moving in a dream, their clothes worn and unkempt. Old men—there are no young men—are unshaven. These people are living on meager rations, and they have no fuel, little water, and no hope of getting new manufactured goods to replace those that they have lost, for many months to come.

"Yet, oddly, the devastation produces only awe of man's destructive power and fear for the future rather than any regret for the city that has gone. Berlin, broken, cold and silent, is an indication of what the future may bring to the Western World, but in Berlin no tears are shed for the city, and its death is not mourned in the world it tried to destroy."

Brig. Gen. Hillman Confirms Expansion

Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman has confirmed Senator Sheridan Downey's announcement of Letterman's $3,000,000 expansion program, and has announced that the War Department has approved construction plans that will nearly double the hospital's present capacity.

All new construction will be under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco District Engineer, Col. K. M. Moore, CE.

During the next 30 days, an extension of the debarkation hospital now being built at Crissy Field will be officially opened.

Civilian Award

Awards in recognition of the wartime contribution of one civilian and three military personnel were made early this week at Letterman.

Captain E. V. Clausen, INF, assistant to the control officer and chairman of the hospital's committee on suggestions, Wednesday morning presented Miss Joanne Edlin with a $10 check for her improved method of handling restricted telegrams.

Miss Edlin, a medical secretary in the pathology office in which she has been working almost three years, successfully submitted her suggestion to the committee recently.

ON THE SPOT



NICHOLAS G. LIEBER
Private First Class

Temporarily paralyzed by his wounds and unable to man his Browning automatic rifle, Pfc. Nicholas G. Lieber, of Twining, Mich., watched a Jap jump into his foxhole, open fire and kill the Doughboy who had shared the position with him.

In a recent interview at Letterman, the 27-year-old former Michigan farmer told about his experience on Cebu (Philippines), where he was a member of the American Infantry Division.

"My squad was holding a strong point on a little knoll, when the Japs charged us, just after midnight, using dynamite grenades. One exploded right in front of us, and the next one was right on my shoulder. I had shot two Japs before I was hit, but after I was wounded I was no good. I tried to swing my BAR around, but I couldn't even get my arm up to it. I could feel and hear the blood coming from a wound in my neck.

"One Nip jumped into the hole with a bayonet. He must have felt sure I was dead. He didn't jab me with the bayonet, as nine out of ten of them will do.

"After he left, a second one, with a light machinegun, got in the hole. He didn't pay much attention to me. He knelt and fired a couple of bursts that killed the man who had been sharing the hole with me. When the grenade went off in the hole, he had got out or was knocked out, and was 10 or 15 feet away when the Jap got him."

Wearer of the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart and the Philippine Liberation ribbon, the Michigan rifleman was overseas more than three years. He first saw action on Guadalcanal, then fought on Bougainville for 13 months before going to the Philippines.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted during the past week: Pvts. Norbert Bieler and Wilbur Covington, appointed Corporals.

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Lucky GIs to be off to their homes on furloughs during the past week were: T/4th Gr. Harry C. Meyers, with 23 days; Sgt. Wallace A. Bururd, and Cpl. Wilbur Covington, each with 21 days; M/Sgt. Charles Mehr and Cpl. Sherman V. Hansen, each with 19 days; M/Sgt. William T. Rodgers, T/Sgt. Everett R. Peirce, T/3d Gr. Kenneth R. Terry, Cpl. Wendel E. Friedlund, T/5th Gr. Thomas D. Hunt, Pvts. Albert G. Speichler and Joseph Rogers, each with 17 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE

T/4th Gr. John R. Barsocchini, the playboy of the Dental Annex, taking his friends to lunch and giving them a shave and a haircut on the way.

M/Sgts. Harry Thomas and Vaughn Yoemans teaming up to beat all oncomers in billiards.

Sgt. Harry Ponerantz back on duty in Ward G-3 and anxiously awaiting discharge.

Cpl. Gordon L. Lockwood taking advise from M/Sgt. Henry Kuntz on how to keep his uppers from falling out.

S/Sgt. Anton J. Sterr back on duty after a short leave and reporting that the trout are biting down at Yosemite.

S/Sgt. Herbert Goldstein wearing dark glasses these days to keep the sun out of his eyes.

Sgt. Robert L. Colvig gone off to college in the East to take a course in information and education.

Bags 3 Jap Planes Without Firing Shot

Ryukyu Islands (CNS) — Lt Robert J. Stone, shot down 2 enemy planes and then bagged 3 more without firing a shot. After getting the first 2, his P-47 was jumped by 25 Jap fighters. He dove from 28,000 feet to the deck. As he skimmed the trees trying to get away, a twin-engined Nip plane in front of him took off. Stone rose to avoid the plane. "My prop wash must have hit 2 Jap fighters behind me," he said. "They collided and crashed into the bomber, and all 3 smashed to the ground."

LIEUT. LETHA McHALE, VETERAN OF BATAAN, JOINS LETTERMAN STAFF



1st Lieut. LETHA McHALE, ANC
Veteran of the Battle of Bataan and now with us here

First Lieutenant Letha McHale, ANC, who passed through San Francisco on her way overseas almost four years ago and again on her return trip last February, is back in the city, this time assigned at Letterman.

The quiet-spoken Army nurse, originally from Haverhill, Mass., recalls that, as her ship steamed out into the Pacific in October, 1941, she was excited and "quite happy about it" but she was happier still when she returned to San Francisco February 24.

Lieutenant McHale saw Manila in its peaceful prewar days, later in the struggle of war and finally as prisoner in the Japanese-held Santo Tomas internment camp from which she was liberated February 3. She was a prisoner 33 months.

"I would like to see Manila again —when they get it cleaned up," said the Army nurse, smiling.

Out of her internment came one compensation—the development of an early interest in sketching and painting. Under the tutelage of an interned civilian woman, a resident of Manila who was also interested in art, Lieutenant McHale began to make pencil sketches of the camp and water color portraits of other internees.

"There were a lot of good subjects because there were so many different nationalities," she explained.

Getting art supplies was comparatively easy the first year since men at the camp were permitted to go into town occasionally to shop for the group. Through the barter system, Lieutenant McHale managed to get sufficient water colors and pencils. Once she had to give up some highly-prized drygoods but she considered the exchange worthwhile.

After the first year shopping trips were suspended. Materials were more difficult to get but Lieutenant McHale had accumulated a reserve. "At the time we were liberated, I could still have lasted another few weeks," she said.

Lieutenant McHale has been a member of the Army Nurse Corps since April, 1941.

WAC

Area Antics

Music enthusiasts turning out for Friday night choir practice in the dayroom in preparation for the first appearance of the choir, tentatively set July 30, when choristers will be one of the features of the Y variety show.

Pvt. Bertha E. Hektner returning from personal affairs school at Lexington, Va., and preparing to board the trains again almost immediately for a furlough in Dutton, Mont.

The total WAC strength wavering around 315 with additions coming in daily.

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Fifyt-four girls, the largest technician class to take medical training in the wards of Letterman Hospital, finish their month's on-the-job training today and become full-fledged medical and surgical technicians.

Graduates are Privates Mabel Anderson, Pearl Biddinger, Helga Bjorndal, Doris Bohlman, Agnes Breene, Susan Briggs, Guadalupe Caballero, Mathilda Capell, Phyllis Cartwright, Inez Erb, Margaret Frederick, Lea Freehlich, Montana Haire, Betty Hale, Sarah Hiatt, Katherine Hicks, Doris Holmes, Katherine Hottinger, Shirley Hall.

Eleanor Keys, Helen Kirk, Mary Krauer, Leona Lance, Nellie Laughlin, Mildred Long, Sadie Lynch, Maysie Mallard, Edythe Mattson, Carolyn Nelson, Vincenta Membrila, Dorothy Miller, Peggy Mondan, Maxine Musselman, Anne Pagett, Georgina Placido, Carolyn Powers, Odesse Prescott, Julia Presley, Gladys Quigley.

Hazel Riberdy, Florence Segler, Mary Shelton, Rena Shelton, Delphia Sinclair, Alice Smith, Hannah Starks, Sylvia Tutaj, Ada Verney, Christine Vickery, Ethelyn Wasson, Laverne West, Ruth Willert and Fern Ziesmer.

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On furlough—T/5 Rowleen Gilbert, Los Angeles; Pvt. Helen Kirk, Grand Island, Neb.; Pvt. Sally T. Kwasniewski, Milwaukee, Wis.; Pvt. Trixie M. Allen, Hobbs, N. M., and Pvt. Ethel Kovacs, News Jersey.

Lebanon, Tenn (CNS)—Arrested for beating up a woman he mistook for his wife, a Lebanon County resident was freed on bail supplied by a woman who really was his wife. "It proves that he loves me," said she.

CIVIL CIRCLES

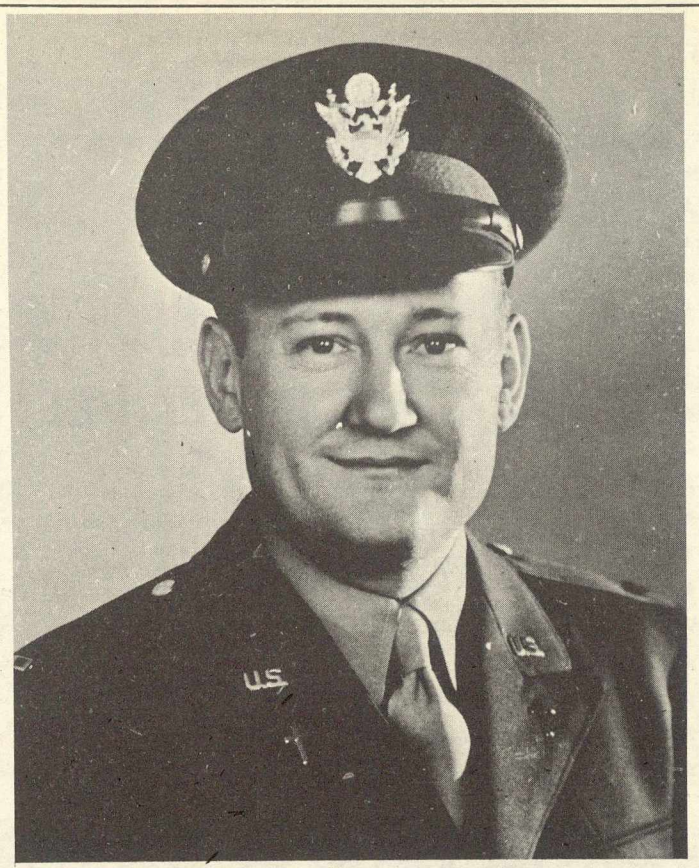
The shifting about of offices in the Administration Bldg. this week has left us in a quandary. The new faces in the doors and windows confounded us completely and only after much back-tracking and by sheer strength of will, we we able to locate the old familiar places. Just as we straightened the whole thing out in our alleged minds, we dashed into the Message Center to find none other than Zita Kelly ensconsced behind a desk carrying on as usual. This was the final blow, but we pulled ourselves together long enough to get the latest word on War Bonds. Zita tells us that many of the civilian employees have voluntarily come in to increase their monthly investment in bonds. What with the new pay raise it behooves us all to join the 10 per centers. And that is precisely why we are here—to announce the new policy. There will be permanent minute-men to take care of each Branch, so be prepared for a visit from one of our super-salesmen, and let's make LGH go over 100 per cent on the 10 per cent deductions! We might mention at this point that it's not safe to even speak to Lillian Jones, unless you have $18.75 extended in your hand. Jonesey is the original one-man Bond Blitz!

Heaven forbid that vacation plans should be overlooked! Jean Metro will travel by train, bus, and ship to reach her home in Nanaimo, B. C. She plans to see her father who is ill and visit with her family. She'll be in Canada for three weeks.

Katherine Woo, our aerial Lab Technician, is continuing her flying lessons in Nevada, and will return in a week from the upper regions.

From Reconditioning, Champion Nixon and his brand new bride have gone to Portland, Oregon. They'll attack their ceramic works of art with renewed vigor. The things they turn out in Recon are all very lovely and create a great deal of interest among our patients.

Rosa Anderson, from the General Mess, is visiting her daughter-in-law and grandchild in Santa Cruz. And from the Officer's Duty Mess, Anna Friedman is on leave entertaining her son who has returned from France, where he has been for more than a year. Hazel Revello is staying home and just resting.



Chaplain (Captain) JOSEPH L. GERHART
Who reported for duty at Letterman last week

NEW CHAPLAIN JOINS US FOR DUTY AND TURNS INTO PATIENT PRONTO

Chaplain (Captain) Joseph L. Gerhart, who had the honor of arranging for the construction of the first chapel to be built for a liberating army in the Philippines, reported for duty this week as a member of the Letterman staff.

The construction of the chapel by Army Engineers began almost as soon as the intensity of fighting had been lowered. The chapel, when completed, was three feet underground protected with a three-foot layer of sandbags and roofed with canvas. It was so arranged that all denominational services might be held.

This is not the first visit to Letterman for our new Chaplain. He previously came here in the role of patient and that was on Christmas Day last year when he was returned to the mainland for further treatment after being wounded on Leyte by a Jap strafing attack.

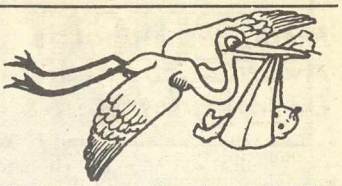
Chaplain Gerhart, who was with an engineer combat group, was with the first troops to hit the beach and working with the fighting men through the early days of combat he noted a spirit of enthusiasm in their struggle.

"We felt like we were liberating our own land," said the Chaplain. "We had a feeling we were accomplishing something vital."

Chaplain Gerhart's first assignment on entering the service was at Gardner Field, California, which was followed by a tour of duty at Camp White where he joined the engineer outfit with which he later served overseas. Before entering the Army two years ago, Chaplain Gerhart was a pastor in Houston, Texas, for four years and the six years prior to that he was Dean of the Southern Bible Institute in the same city.

The Chaplain expects his wife and two children, a 10-year-old boy and a five-year-old daughter, now in residence at Taft, California, to join him at an early date in San Francisco.

As we go to press the Chaplain is a patient in Ward "G" and hopes he will be out soon.



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Ernest C. Wille,** a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, born 8 July, weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. **Robert J. Burns,** a daughter, Sharon Vivian, born 8 July, weight 6 pounds 2 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Charles Francis,** a son, Charles Alan, born 8 July, weight 6 pounds 9 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. **George Abram,** a daughter, Trudi Alice, born 8 July, weight 8 pounds.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **Robert A. Cristo,** a son, Robert James, born 9 July, weight 7 pounds 5 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Frederick Teall,** a son, Frederick Girvan III, born 10 July, weight 7 pounds 13 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. **Arthur J. Parker,** a son, James William, born 10 July, weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To 2nd Lt. and Mrs. **Alene Mygren,** a daughter, Judy Alene, born 12 July, weight 7 pounds 8 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. **Harry W. Sanford,** a daughtr, Sandra Roberta, born 13 July, weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. **Meredith R. Morgan,** a daughter, Jan Elizabeth, born 14 July, weeight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. **John G. Cronin,** a son, John Gregory II, born 15 July, weight 8 pounds 8 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. **Francis Paulin,** a son, born 15 July, weight 6 pounds 15 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. **Jack Moore,** a son, Michael Jackson, born 15 July, weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

Patients Broadcast "Lies from Tokyo"

Each Monday five Letterman patients verbally kayo the Japs when they make transcriptions for "Lies From Tokyo," a radio program originating from Station KYA every night at 7:10-7:30, Monday through Friday.

The wounded soldiers, selected each week by the Public Relations Office, are veterans of the Pacific campaign and have an intimate knowledge of our Japanese enemies.

The participating patients for this week were Corporal Robert Gunckel, Pfc John Liversedge, Pfc Fred Goebel, Pfc Charles Forsyth, and Pfc Leonard Hilton.

Medal of Honor is Awarded to Medical Department Hero

Technician 5th Gr. Alfred L. Wilson, Medical Aid Man, of Fairchance, Pa., who gave his life while treating wounded Infantry comrades under shellfire near Bezange la Petite, France, last November 8, has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Presentation of the award will be made to his father, Jesse Wilson, of Fairchance. Following is the official citation:

"Technician Fifth Grade Alfred L. Wilson, while serving with the Medical Detachment, 328th Infantry, near Bezange la Petite, France, on November 8, 1944, volunteered to assist as an aid man to a company other than his own, which was suffering casualties from constant artillery fire.

He administered to the wounded and returned to his own company when a shell burst injured a number of its men. While treating his comrades he was seriously wounded, but refused to be evacuated by litter bearers sent to relieve him. In spite of great pain and loss of blood, he continued to administer first aid until he was too weak to stand.

Crawling from one patient to another, he continued his work until excessive loss of blood prevented him from moving. He then verbally directed unskilled enlisted men in continuing the first aid for the wounded. Still refusing assistance himself, he remained to instruct others in dressing the wounds of his comrades until he was unable to speak above a whisper and finally lapsed into unconsciousness. The effects of his injury later caused his death.

By steadfastly remaining at the scene without regard for his own safety, Cpl. Wilson through distinguished devotion to duty and personal sacrifice helped to save the lives of at least ten wounded men."

You Can Now Send GI His Congratulations

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—Members of the armed forces in the United States may now send or receive telegrams of congratulation, announces the Board of War Communications. The modification of the ruling against congratulatory messages by wire was announced as due to "a special need for this type of service for hospitalized and returning veterans."

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"Take her away!"

LGH WAC's Trounce Two League Victims

With victories against the WAC teams of Hamilton and Fourth Air Force, Letterman's WAC softball ten swung into the second round of the Ninth Service Command league play this week.

The home team scored, 13-5, against the Fourth Air Force Wednesday at the Presidio Field and last Monday over-powered Hamilton Field, 19-5, in the first week of a two-game-a-week Letterman schedule.

In the Wednesday game Letterman seized the lead, 3-0, in the first inning and scored in every inning thereafter except the second when Crissy Field WAC's temporarily edged out the home team, 4-3. Observers attributed much of the strength of the LGH team to an unusually able infield.

Letterman WAC's will play the Camp Stoneman team Monday at the Presidio ball field.

Purple Heart Awards

Three Letterman patients, lying flat on their hospital beds, had the Purple Heart medal pinned to their grays Tuesday afternoon by Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, Letterman's commanding officer.

General Hillman made the awards with the assistance of Captain William R. Moody, assistant adjutant, who read accompanying citations, and 1st Lieutenant Claude A. McBay, MAC, acting aide de camp to the general.

Honored were Pvt. Clifford R. Seppala, Michigan infantryman, wounded May 23 on Okinawa; Pfc Daniel J. Reardon, Maine infantryman, wounded June 5 on Luzon and Pfc Glen E. Henson, infantryman from Oklahoma wounded at Mindinao May 12.

MORE ABOUT WEARING UNIFORM

uniform will shrink or the midriff will expand but there will be a degree of pride in the right to wear it.

It will set a man apart as one who responded when the country needed men and even in time of peace the country will still need the men who wore the uniform in time of war.

LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

FOG HORN

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General Hillman Tells Press About Hospital Expansion

Speaking to a group of representatives of the press and radio, Brig. Gen. Charles C. Hillman, Commanding General of Letterman General Hospital, at a conference yesterday afternoon in the staff room outlined the proposed and approved expansion of the facilities of Letterman General Hospital.

The General first referred to the annex at Crissy Field which is expected to be in operation within the next few weeks by which approximately 800 beds will be added to the capacity of this hospital. He then went on to explain that the Headquarters of the Western Defense Command now located at the Presidio of San Francisco will be moved to another location and that space taken over for additional facilities to accommodate patients returning from overseas. In addition to the barrack buildings, three temporary structures will be converted into wards. On the Presidio parade ground nine temporary buildings will be erected to furnish living quarters for officers and nurses and three of the old red brick barrack buildings are to furnish housing for the enlisted men of the Letterman Medical Detachment.

The building which has served as headquarters for the Baker and Cook School for the Ninth Service Command is to be converted for use as headquarters and barrack space for the WAC Companies recently assigned to duty at Letterman. This, in addition to the barrack buildings recently constructed, will furnish housing for approximately 500 members of the WAC.

Down on the old air strip or landing mat at Crissy Field approximately fifty buildings, frame and stucco, will be constructed to extend facilities for an additional 3,000 patients. In addition to 19 two-story ward buildings, there will be two recreation buildings, a theater and administration building, heating plant and post chapel.

In the area adjacent to the headquarters of the Hospital Train Unit existing buildings will be converted for use as barracks, together with three temporary buildings to complete the housing for the enlisted men of the Hospital Train Unit. This area will also have erected a post exchange building, recreation hall, a headquarters building and dispensary.

Buildings in the vicinity of the present nurses' quarters on Lincoln Boulevard are to be converted to increase accommodations for the additional number of nurses being assigned to this enlarged unit.

The plans for these various undertakings are now being drawn up by the staff of the District Engineer and it is estimated that the over all cost for new construction and renovations will be in excess of five million dollars.



Col. HARRY M. LUTGENS, MAC
Director of the Technical Information Division, Office of the Surgeon General, who participated in the Public Relations conference here this week.

Letterman Observes Medical Birthday In Patio Ceremony

Letterman observed the 170th anniversary of the Army Medical Department yesterday morning with brief ceremonies held in the patio.

The program started off with music by the Western Defense Command Band, and was followed by an invocation given by Chaplain Guy C. Tetirick. Then, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman addressed the audience, composed of both personnel and patients.

The Commanding General of Letterman cited the phenomenal record made in this war by the Army's Medical Department, who save the lives of 97 out of every 100 soldiers who reach our hospitals. He went on to add that 70 out of every 100 wounded overseas have returned to duty and nearly 27 per cent have been evacuated to this country.

Following Gen. Hillman's address, Col. Brown S. McClintic lauded the Medical Department's achievements. He related the birth of the department and its growth since 1775. It was at that time, he said, that Gen. George Washington realized the need for such an organization and urged Congress to take action along these lines. They heeded his plea, and later in the year enacted a plan, the basis for the later development of the Medical Department.

The program was concluded with Benediction by Chaplain Thomas McKenna and a selection played by the Western Defense Command Band.

LGH Chaplains to Participate in Birthday Observance

The Chaplains on duty at Letterman Hospital will participate in the general observations of the 170th anniversary of the Chaplains' Corps which will be celebrated on Sunday, 29 July.

A special program will be held in the building of the Army YMCA at



THOMAS L. McKENNA
Chaplain—Lt. Colonel

the Presidio in which, in addition to the Chaplains from Letterman, the Chaplains from the Western Defense Command, the Fourth Air Force, Ft. Winfield Scott, Port of Embarkation, Ft. Mason, Hospital Train Unit 1960 SCU, and the Chaplains of the Post of the Presidio will cooperate.

There will be an exhibit in the main foyer of the Army "Y" from 1400 to 1800 and the Chaplains of the area will be present to meet all who will honor them by their presence. At 1600 a movie "For God and Country" will be shown in the "Y" auditorium and light refreshments will be served. The public of San Francisco, as well as the members of the armed forces, are cordially invited to be present on this occasion.

While the Chaplain's Corps as such was not established until 1920, the Continental Congress on 29 July 1775, granted the first formal recognition of a legal status for Chaplains in the Armed forces. From that first appointment to this day Chaplains have been continuously on duty with the Army, and on this anniversary there are approximately 8,000 Chaplains on active duty, with two-third's of that number serving at overseas stations.

The Chaplains have made a very enviable record for the Corps during World War II. As of 27 April 1945, 52 Chaplains have made the supreme sacrifice, 52 more have died of other than battle cause and 180 have been wounded in battle—of whom 13 had been wounded twice and two had been wounded thrice. There were still 22 Chaplains listed as detained by the Japanese in addition to six who were rescued and three who are known to have died



V. C. DAMERON
Chaplain—Captain

in enemy hands. One Chaplain, who was detained by the Germans, was killed in a bombing raid just prior to the end of the European conflict. In recognition of their work 602 Chaplains have received 754 decorations.

Covering the Chaplain's field at Letterman are four Chaplains who are dedicated to encourage and enhance the moral and religious welfare of the patients undergoing treatment as well as the men and women of the armed forces who form the staff.

The Senior Chaplain is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas L. McKenna, a veteran of World War I and Army regular with 26 years of service to his credit. He has seen service in France and Italy during World War I, and many years ago was the Post Chaplain on Corregidor. He has also served on the Hawaiian Islands and at camps in South Carolina, Georgia, and New York, with a tour at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. He was on Army Transport duty four years running between San Francisco, Honolulu, and Manila; and between San Francisco, Panama, and New York.

For five years he was stationed at the neighboring post of Fort Winfield Scott and the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco and is now completing the fifth year of his current tour at Letterman.

The Assistant Post Chaplain is Chaplain (Capt.) Claude V. Dameron, who has been in the Army since September, 1942. After attending the Chaplain School at Harvard he was assigned to the New York Port of Embarkation for transport duty. His first year of duty took him to England, North Africa, Sicily and Italy. On one occasion in the Med-



GUY C. TETIRICK
Chaplain—Captain

iterranean his ship picked up some 1600 survivors of a torpedoing.

Later Chaplain Dameron was assigned to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation and during this tour of duty he made trips to Panama, Australia, New Caledonia and New Guinea. He is a native of Moberly, Missouri and has been at Letterman since January of this year.

Another very valuable assistant on the Letterman staff is Chaplain (Capt.) Guy C. Tetirick, who has been with us at Letterman since September of last year.

Chaplain Tetirick is a graduate of the Boston University School of Theology and filled pulpits in Oklahoma throughout his ministry, with the exception of a tour of duty as a Chaplain in the Army during World War I. He saw service at Ft. Bliss and Camp Jackson, South Carolina. The Chaplain was in his 13th year as Pastor of the University Methodist Church at Tulsa, Oklahoma when he was given leave of absence to accept a commission as Chaplain for another tour of Army service.

He was originally assigned to Camp White, Oregon and subsequently served at Hammond General Hospital at Modesto and McCaw General Hospital at Walla Walla, Washington. He is well qualified for hospital service and is doing magnificent work at Letterman.

A more recent addition to the staff is Chaplain (Capt.) Joseph L. Gerhart, recently returned to duty after recovering from wounds received in action on Leyte in the invasion of the Philippine Islands. Chaplain Gerhart is a former pastor in Huston, Texas and has been in the Army two years.



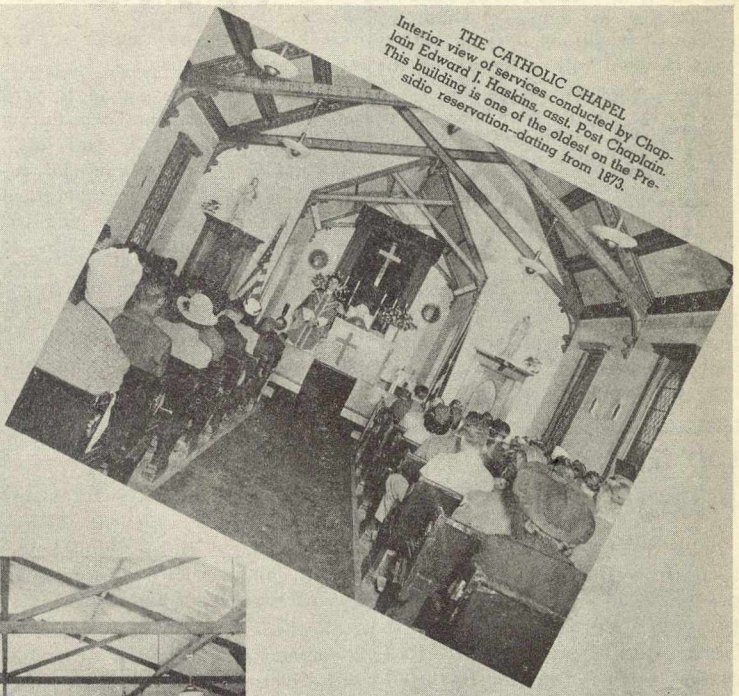
JOSEPH L. GERHART
Chaplain—Captain

Although he has been here but a short time, his record for achievment at other stations and with combat units gives every promise that he will more than uphold the high standard of service always rendered to patients at Letterman by the members of the Chaplains' Corps.

CHAPLAINS AND CHAPELS AT LGH AND THE PRESIDIO



THE WELL KNOWN CHANCEL CHOIR
At the Presidio Post Chapel with Chaplain A. E. Butcher, Post Chaplain.



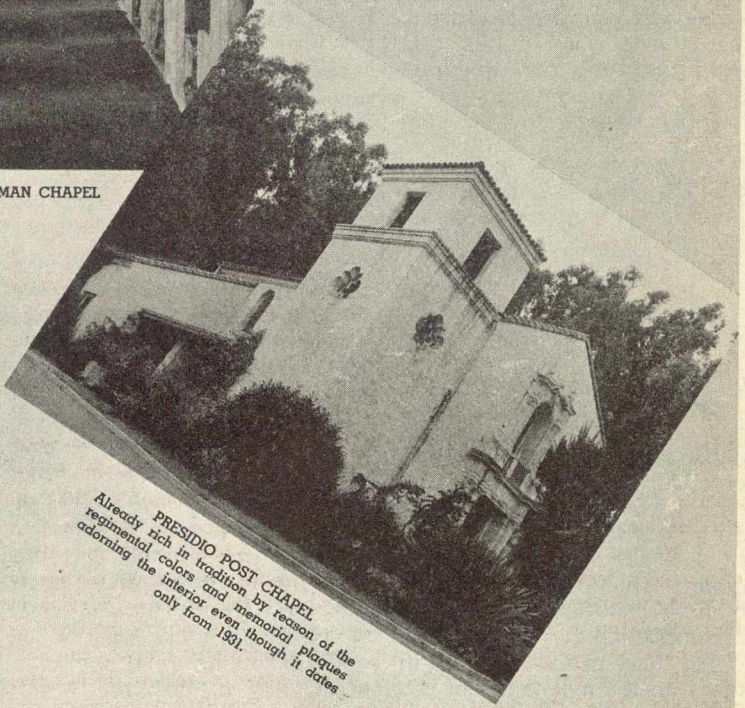
THE CATHOLIC CHAPEL
Interior view of services conducted by Chaplain Edward I. Haskins, asst. Post Chaplain. This building is one of the oldest on the Presidio reservation--dating from 1873.



THE LETTERMAN CHAPEL



VISITING THE SICK
Is one of the duties of the Chaplains. In picture Chaplain Guy C. Tetrick, of Letterman, is chatting with Pfc. Curtis Register, of Dublin, Ga., wounded veteran of the Pacific area.



PRESIDIO POST CHAPEL
Already rich in tradition by reason of the regimental colors and memorial plaques adorning the interior even though it dates only from 1931.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

PUBLIC RELATIONS

During the past week Letterman was honored with the presence of the Public Relations Officers representing the General and Convalescent Hospitals within the territory of the Ninth Service Command.

These officers sat in conference for two days with the representatives of the Surgeon General and the Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command. Each of the speakers stressed the value of good public relations for any command, and especially for the hospitals where our sick and wounded are undergoing treatment. And good public relations is nothing more than putting an organization on a friendly basis with the community.

As the Service Command Surgeon expressed it there is a three fold objective in the public relations program. A definite duty to the public; the people who pay taxes, and the people whose sons and daughters may be patients. A definite duty to the patients undergoing treatment, whose peace of mind may be enhanced by an understanding of procedures involved in their proper care. And a definite duty to the personnel of the Medical Department, to acquaint the public with the manner in which their work is accomplished.

All three groups have an interest in the mechanics of providing for our men and women of the armed forces, and the more we tell them about such processes the better their cooperation.

Good public relations is a **must** for a hospital which hopes to fulfill its mission.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Newest, and so far the quietest, member of the detachment is Captain AWOL, a bright green four-month-old male parrot who came from Leyte by plane and is now perched, temporarily at least, in the dayroom.

His age, or lack of it, prevents the captain from being as accomplished an orator as parrots traditionally are but day room viistors acquainted with parrot physiology say he will soon be old enough to talk; some even say that after a few weeks in the day room, he'll learn it in self defense.

First Lieutenant Mary L. Mayes, Army nurse now a patient at Letterman, bought the bird on Leyte from a Chinese who was a combination parrot-breeder and florist.

She kept it in her tent where it underwent bombings and Army life with stoicism and took it along when she returned home. After evacuation to another hospital, Lieutenant Mayes intends to send for the bird which will probably have considerably more of a vocabulary by that time.

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On furlough—T/4th Gr. Vernia I. Burns in El Monte; Pvt. Mary E. Nefzger, Phoenix; Pvt. Sally T. Kwasniewski, Milwaukee; Pvt. Delphia M. Sinclair, Lindsay, Okla., and Pvt. Opal Anderson, Castana, Iowa.

Also—Pvt. Gladys R. Storsved, surgical technician, went to Halstad, Minn., to be married to her sailor fiance.

Pvt. Frances Jenkins, on a three-day pass in Los Angeles, saw her brother for the first time in eight years.

T/5th Gr. Mamie Soards, former dental technician who received a dependency discharge from the Army, left early this week for her home in Kentucky.

T/4th Gr. Dorothy McCullough is awaiting transfer to DeWitt General Hospital where she will be in charge of the histology division of the lab.



Promotions took precedence in ANC news this week as Letterman and Dante second lieutenants exchanged their gold bars for silver.

Promoted at Letterman were Lts. **Anna L. Glover, Elizabeth M. Chuck, Henrietta Landman** and **Joan Reidy.** Lieutenant Glover entered the Army in January 1943, served in the South Pacific a year and reported here June 1 for assignment.

A New Yorker, Lieutenant Chuck came to Letterman in May following two and a half years' service in England. She was commissioned in the Army in January 1942.

Lieutenant Landman is a native San Franciscan who was stationed in three countries overseas—England, Africa and Italy—before being sent back to this country last spring for assignment in her home city. She entered the Army in San Francisco in June 1942.

Lieutenant Reidy, who comes from Santa Barbara, was assigned to Letterman in May following about a year and a half in the Pacific area.

At Dante Lt. **Helen B. Clark,** Iowa nurse who was in Africa and Italy from April 1943 until October 1944 and came to San Francisco last May, won her silver bars. Lt. **Mary E. O'Connor** of Brooklyn, who served Africa and Italy, reporting here late in May, also received her first lieutenantcy.

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New nurses reporting for assignment here recently were First Lieutenants **Loretta Magee, Hilda Bell** and **Catherine G. Bjorklund.** All saw Pacific overseas service. Lieutenant Magee and Lieutenant Bell are easterners, the former from Northampton, Mass., and the latter from Philadelphia. A midwesterner, Lt. Bjorklund comes from Duluth, Minn.

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Major Ruth Wagner, assistant to the Principal Chief Nurse, has returned to duty following her sick leave of absence just as brown as the proverbial berry. What kind of berry is brown?

Miami (CNS)—Strong man Bernarr Macfadden, 76-year old spinach-eating publisher, has filed a divorce complaint against his wife. His charge: She let her figure get out of hand "when I wanted her to be an example of my work and a credit to me."

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, July 29, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Stupendous Man of Hollywood at Dante

Cecil B. deMille, the big production man of moviedom paid an unexpected visit to Dante Annex Tuesday afternoon. He related tales of Hollywood humor to the more than a hundred patients and personnel of the Letterman annex.

He was accompanied and introduced by his press manager, Lew Lewelyn.

Travelers

Three Letterman nurses, who accompanied UNCIO delegates back to Washington, D. C., and had a chance to look around the national capitol before their recent return to San Francisco, were speaking enthusiastically this week of the landmarks and national historical spots they had visited.

Two of the nurses, Captain Virginia C. Sanderson and 1st Lieutenant Betty Lewis, had been on duty in conference dispensaries before their Washington trip. The third member of the group was 1st Lieutenant Helen Gribble who went in place of 1st Lieutenant Cecelia D. Tursi, who had served in the dispensary but was unable to take the trip.

Recalling their most treasured memories of the four-day Washington visit, Lieutenant Gribble mentioned seeing the largest Fourth of July firework display at the Washington monument since war began and Lieutenant Lewis enthusiastically spoke of the beauty of the White House, lighted up at night.

Philadelphia (CNS) — Joseph Gimbel was arrested for the 19th time on charges of looting letter boxes. "He just likes to read other people's mail, I guess," a postal department spokesman concluded.

WAC OF THE WEEK



AUDREY A. MARTIN
T/5th Gr.

Army life may be comparatively new to T/5th Gr. Audrey A. Martin, who has been a WAC since March, but government service in general is old stuff to this former auditor for the U. S. War Production Board, Department of Commerce and Quartermaster General.

Cpl. Martin, now a medical technician, also worked 19 months for the British Embassy in Washington, D. C., auditing lend lease shipments in her pre-WAC days.

The tall, blonde WAC corporal is only one of several representatives the Martin family has sent into government service. Her father is a brigadier general and now stationed with the Army in the China-Burma-India theater. Recently he returned on leave after 13 months overseas and saw his daughter, also home on furlough, for the first time in uniform.

Cpl. Martin also has a brother in the Navy and sister in the WAVES.

After living in and around Washington, D. C., for several years, Cpl. Martin has come to think of the national capital as home but she still cherishes a preference for life in the west, especially Colorado.

With her family and alone, working, the WAC corporal has lived in 45 states, some no more than several days and rarely more than 18 months.

In February 1944, while working at the British Embassy, Cpl. Martin took a Red Cross nurse's aide course that, though she did not know it, was eventually to lead her to the nearest WAC recruiting office. For more than nine months she worked, in off-duty hours, in a civilian hospital. When opportunities in medical work arose in the WAC, however, Cpl. Martin deserted civilian for military hospitals and Washington for San Francisco.

NINTH SERVICE COMMAND PRO'S BRIEFED IN WD POLICIES AT LGH

Problems of personnel, policy and equipment were discussed and solved at the Public Relations Conference, held Monday and Tuesday here at Letterman.

Fifteen visiting Public Relation Officers of the Ninth Service Command gathered in the Staff room Monday morning, to meet with Colonel Harry T. Lutgens, and his assistant Mr. Harold Marshall. Colonel Lutgens is the Director of Hospital Public Relations Information, Technical Information Division, with headquarters in Washington. He and Mr. Marshall called the conference so they would have the opportunity of knowing the men and women whose work is so closely linked with theirs.

After an official welcome, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman started the conference with an explanation of the expansion program planned for Letterman. He also told the group that he realized how important it was to let the public in on all the news of the activities of their hospitals.

Colonel Luther R. Moore was the next speaker in the very informal round table discussion, conducted by Lt. Col. Eugene D. Mullins, Service Command Public Relations Officer. Colonel Moore, Service Command Surgeon, talked about the specific need of good publicity from the standpoint of the Medical Corps. He mentioned the value to the public, the value to the patient, and the value to the Medical Department itself, and explained that the patient in particular was benefited both physically and mentally every time he saw his name or picture in print.

Next, Austin Fenger, well-known commentator from Station KSFO, explained how the Public Relations Officers could use radio to better advantage. He said there were three different avenues open in radio—through the News Bureau, the Program Department, and also through special guest appearances. He clarified the security problem connected with clearance of radio scripts, and suggested that recording a show beforehand was the best solution to the censorship that is necessary in radio.

Jack Hanley, local office head of International News Service, gave the group some good advice on how they could help the newspapers when releasing stories. He emphasized four points to watch—first he told them how helpful it would be for a reporter to have the background of a story before he began any actual interviews. Then he made a plea for a full statement of the facts if any controversial stories should arise. His third point was a suggestion that in every case, it would help if the PRO would spot his story as sharply as possible. And fourth, he advised them to keep close contact with their Chaplain's office, as a good source of material.

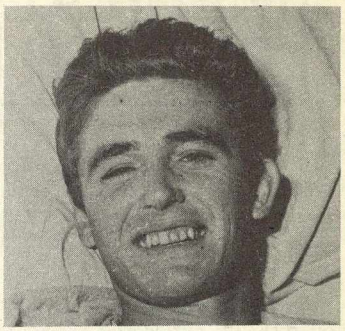
At noon, the group adjourned to

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS
On duty at the general and convalescent hospitals in the Ninth Service Command who were in conference at Letterman this week.

ON THE SPOT



ROBERT A. WEASA
Sgt., Inf.

As Sgt. Robert A. Weasa and his assistant squad leader swung their rifles around, the Jap, who had thrown one hand grenade which barely missed the two Infantrymen with its explosion, was popping another against his helmet in preparation for throwing it.

Several shots from each rifle sent the Jap pitching forward toward their foxhole, dead.

The sergeant heard the chilling sound of the armed grenade dropping into the foxhole.

"I yelled and jumped," he related in an interview at Letterman, after his evacuation from Luzon by ambulance plane.

"It was too late to save the other man, though. He didn't realize it in time and was killed instantly. I had pulled myself halfway out of the hole when the grenade went off. The explosion threw me the rest of the way out, and I got pieces of it in both legs."

Sergeant Weasa, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weasa, of 75 Jessie Street, Santa Cruz, California, was a rifle leader with the famed 32d Infantry ("Red Arrow") Division. He served in the same rifle company for almost a year and a half in New Guinea, on Leyte and Luzon, and was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

He has the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the first citation for a bullet wound in the fighting along the Mott River, near Saidor, New Guinea.

"New Guinea was miserable, and we hit plenty of tough spots on Leyte, but there was nothing to compare with our last campaign, on the Villa Verde Trail," he declared.

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the past week: S/Sgt. Julius D. Farrell and T/5th Gr. James W. Eddy.

Lucky GIs to be off to their homes on furlough during the week were: Sgt. Peter J. Ricca, with 25 days; T/4th Gr. Billy D. Lowe, T/4th Gr. Rex P. Davis and Pvt. Donald E. Lennis, each with 23 days; Sgt. Merle Frazee, with 21 days; Pvt. Marvin G. Looslie with 19 days; Sgts. Floyd H. Tilton and Arthur F. Fields, Cpls. Ralph G. Steinkellner and Raleigh O. Geraghty, Pvt. Theodore D. Sharp and Robert Silverman, each with 17 days; Pvt. Karl L. Kafflen, with 16 days; S/Sgt. Lawrence E. Pearson, Cpl. George H. Albertson, T/5th Gr. Robert E. Greely and Pvt. Luther E. Berry, each with 15 days.

INTERESTING TO SEE:

T/4th Gr. Dan Sackash and Cpl. Arthur S. Mahoney back from furlough with only one complaint—too short.

Sgt. Harry Agruss and Cpl. Dalton E. Poff over at the Dante Annex in the roll of patients.

Sgt. Lou D. Slott trying to find his way around the Administration Building. Tsk! Tsk! After all these years, sergeant.

Sgt. Robert J. Harrington getting his daily exercise by bicycling back and forth to work.

Cpl. Andrew J. Monahan spending his lunch period by getting his pitching arm in condition.

The Letterman baseball players going north for two days last week to Sacramento where they played in the State Industrial Tournament.

Good luck to T/5th Gr. Frank C. Spirito, who was transferred to Ft. McDowell during the past week.

S/Sgt. Robert J. Ransom telling the boys in the pharmacy what he considers a delicious meal and watching their faces turn different colors.

Sgt. Adolph Gaydos adding some new varieties of sandwiches to his menu in the P.X. Bar much to the delight of his patrons, who were getting hamburgeritis.

LIEUT. "HAP" HALLER, NEW PRO AIDE, ENTERS WHOLEHEARTEDLY INTO DUTIES



1st Lieut. GLADYS L. HALLER, WAC
Assistant Public Relations Officer

Meet "Hap" Haller, folks—Lt. Gladys Haller, Asst. Public Relations Officer, if you're being formal and insist on the full title.

"Hap" came to Letterman a few weeks ago, direct from Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. She was stationed there for a year and seven months, and on the eve of her departure was given a going-away party of such magnitude, it set the entire PRO staff back three months, physically and financially.

Born in Indiana, "Hap" led a quiet childhood, playing on the banks of the Ohio River. She went through the usual number of school years and took up the usual number of jobs. Then, after a couple of months spent working in a defense plant, she felt like getting closer to the war effort, and enlisted in the WAC. That was in February, 1943, and soon after finishing basic training at Daytona Beach, she invaded Fort Des Moines to attend Officers' Candidate School.

A fast six weeks went by, and "Hap" shined her new lieutenant's bars and took off for a couple of months of recruiting in Ohio for the Fifth Service Command. After that, she was assigned to be Public Relations Officer at Lawson General Hospital, an installation specializing in amputation cases. While she was there, she had the privilege and fun of handling the public relations on that famous bomber trip of Capt. Maurice Britt when he returned to his alma mater, the University of Arkansas, to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Strictly on the personal side, "Hap" is happiest when she's eating or listening to music or composing free verse—which she writes often and well. She is also a sensational baseball player and protects the first sack for the WAC team here at Letterman.

Be sure to take another look at her picture before you finish this story, so that next time you see her you can step right up and give her any news you happen to know. She will be around constantly after today, which she is spending tied up in a nearby closet while we put the paper to press. Seems that "Hap" is one of the modest PROs who objects to publicity on herself, so drastic measures were necessary in order to bring you this news about her.

MORE ABOUT NINTH SERVICE COMMAND

the Officer Patients' mess for lunch, and returned at 1:00 to hear from Col. Lutgens, who was here as the Personal Public Relations Officer of General Norman T. Kirk. Col. Lutgens spoke on what the hospital means to the community, and the kind of plan that should be prepared by every Public Relations Officer—a plan that should emphasize the specialty of that particular hospital. He also emphasized that no medium of publicity should be overlooked, and told how important it was to let the public know of the records of the Medical Department.

Next, Mr. Marshall asked for any suggestions that would help the Public Relations Officers with their problems, and mentioned a number of films they might look at as background material for future reference. He asked that any unusual stories be sent to him, to be passed on to the science editors he contacts.

Later, the group attended an informal party at Gen. Hillman's home.

On the second day, Lt. Col. Joseph E. Allen explained the set-up of the new clearance bureau in San Francisco, and gave suggestions and advice about planting magazine stories. Then each Public Relation Officer present gave a brief summary of the way he operated, and made requests for the things he needed in the way of personnel, equipment and cooperation.

In the afternoon, the group was taken on a tour of the debarkation area and went by boat across the bay to Oakland. There, they were shown the work going on in the Overseas Supply Division, before being returned to the hospital for adjournment.

Public Relations Officers who attended were: Major Karl A. Piper, Barnes General Hospital; Major A. E. Mealiff, Ft. Lewis; Lt. A. N. Howes, McCaw General Hospital; Lt. Walter Williams, Madigan General Hospital; Lt. V. G. LeFevre, De Witt General Hospital; Lt. Mary S. Pryor, Torney General Hospital; Lt. M. J. Kunz, Dibble General Hospital; Lt. E. H. Baker II, Baxter General Hospital; Lt. Mansur Tinsley, Bushnell General Hospital; Lt. Harvey Schwartz, Hammond General Hospital; Lt. Marian D. Myers, Mitchell Convalescent Hospital; Capt. D. R. Hamilton, Birmingham General Hospital; Lt. C. J. Rickher, Hoff General Hospital.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By Helen Jensen

To the north, east, south and west, Lettermanites this week are still seeking a change of scene! The Laboratory is first on our leave list. Beverly Rowe is sunning herself on Laguna Beach, and Helen Ramsden is a counselor at a girls' camp for two weeks. Anita Goldfeller, a technician, also vacationing. By staying in the city and catching up on his sleep, Donald Wagar plans to be in top form to return to his duties at the animal house. We saw some baby guinea pigs that were so round and adorable fluffy bunnies the other day in our wanderings. But we digress!

Katheryn Jaekel is still on leave with her husband. They spent some time at Carmel and then returned to San Francisco. Kay was married recently at the Presidio Chapel to Capt. Warren Plowman, MC.

Mary Danicich from the Mess Office is recuperating from an appendectomy. Get well soon, Mary, and hurry back! Your chums tell us that they can't get along without you.

Off in the hills of Idaho, Deanne Davis and her husband are visiting relatives. Deanne is on duty in the Sick and Wounded Office and Dave is assigned to the Outpatient Branch.

The Dental Branch is leave conscious these days, with Mary Lerner in Yosemite and Ruth Henry at Russian River. The piscatorial art has lured Bob Madsen, but we won't believe a thing unless we see it!

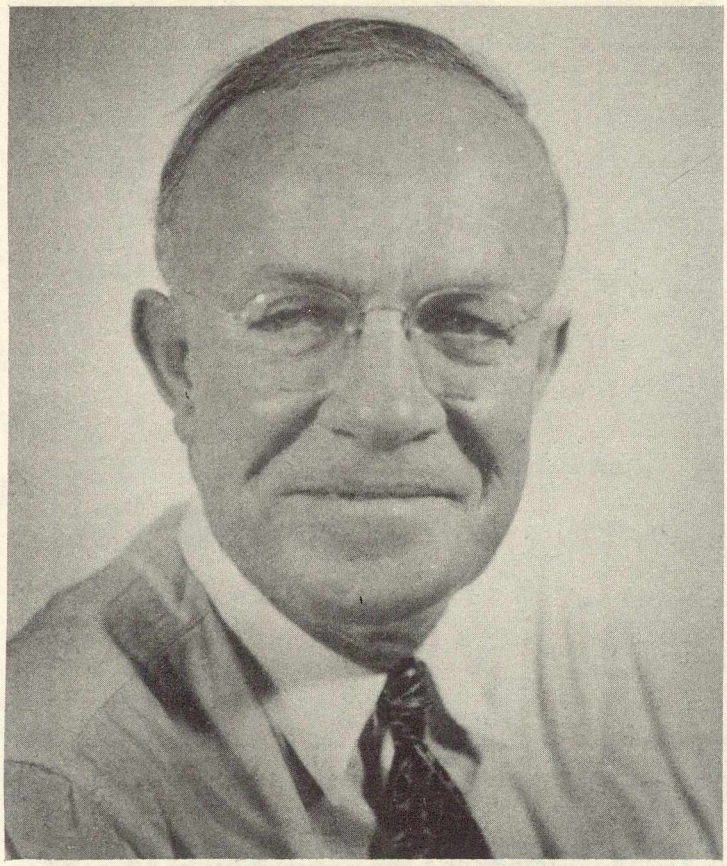
Mary Kirtland, from Security and Intelligence, is visiting in Portland, Ore. Sarah Ward is on leave, and Lonnie Connor is in Los Angeles.

It's good to have May Beswick back with us once more. She has returned to her former position as secretary to our Commanding General.

Refusing to be outdone by anyone, and not having any leave saved up, we plan to go AWOL next week, but don't let it get around, 'cause it's very hush-hush! See you Saturday!

Lansing, Mich (CNS)—Seeking parole from Jackson Prison, Convict Ted Bentz penned this note to the State Parole Board: "In Luke 11:10, Christ says: 'Everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.' By virtue of the above how about a parole?" The board replied: "Trouble me not: the door is now shut!—Luke 11:7."

BILL IS THE BOSS BUT BENEVOLENT IN THE BUSINESS OF BEING BUSY



MR. WILLIAM GRUENING
Supervisor of civilian hospital police and personnel.

Kindly, good-natured William Gruening, known informally as "Bill" to the 130 civilian employees under him, has a philosophy that has steered him calmly and successfully through almost two years as supervisor of hospital police at Letterman.

The stocky, gray-haired man, who began his career at LGH in October 1941 as an acting ward master, has a definite policy in treating the ward attendants, light laborers and diet kitchen maids under his supervision. He insists that they be treated as individuals, fitted to the work in which they are interested and best qualified. And he has tried to do that in his interviews with civilians applying for jobs.

"I question them about their experience and the kind of work they like and try to put them into it. That's the object of a supervisor. To put them on a job they don't like only causes dissatisfaction and arguments."

Letterman and the Presidio had some of the tinge of the familiar for Mr. Gruening when he came here as an acting ward master in 1941. Almost a generation ago he had taken his physical examination for the army at LGH. Placed on detached service as a cook with the Medical Corps in the 62nd Coast Artillery, he spent about a year at military installations in this area before going overseas with his outfit.

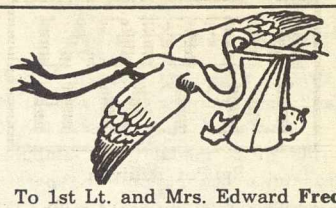
His medical work here he learned on the job, "the hard way," said Mr. Gruening but added, "It just naturally came to me because I liked this work. You know, when you like anything, it's the easiest thing in the world to do it."

By filling in for civilian ward masters when they went on vacation, Mr. Gruening came to know every ward in the hospital. That knowledge, he said, now facilitates his present work; without detailed checking he is aware how much help each ward needs.

Of the 150 civilian ward attendants at LGH when he came, Mr. Gruening is the only one of the original group left.

In September it will be two years since "Bill" became supervisor of hospital police. When he first took over, there had been a drastic cut in civilian help, newly replaced by enlisted personnel. He had 35 workers under him then; now he has 130 and expects more when the Letterman annex opens at Crissy Field.

If there is a secret in managing with ease and efficiency a large staff of employees, Mr. Gruening thinks it can be traced, to a large extent, to attitude and explains, "I have confidence in my help."



To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Edward **Fredericks,** a son, **Robert Bruce,** born 16 July, weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. Edwin A. **Nichols,** a daughter, **Candace Ileana Dorothy,** born 16 July, weight 8 pounds 4 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Allen **Nottingham,** a daughter, **Frances Chady,** born 16 July, weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Phillip **Luboviski,** a daughter, **Donna Joy,** born 16 July, weight 6 pounds 8 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John E. **Bishop,** a daughter, **Sherry Mead,** born 18 July, weight 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John L. **Ehmann,** a son, **Thomas Lloyd,** born 18 July, weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Roland **Henderson,** a son, **Jack Benjamin,** born 19 July, weight 7 pounds 4 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. Andrew **James,** a son, **Stephen Bennet,** born 19 July, weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Jack P. **Sanders,** a son, **Jack Phillip Jr.,** born 20 July, weight 7 pounds 7 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert B. **Morrow,** a daughter, **Cynthia Anne,** born 21 July, weight 6 pounds 3 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Dyvert G. **Rognlein,** a daughter, **Mary Carolyn,** born 21 July, weight 8 pounds 6 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Adolph **Aas,** a daughter, Carol Jean, born 21 July, weight 7 pounds 9 ounces.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. John E. **Frideback,** a son, **Jay Martin,** born 21 July, weight 8 pounds 13 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Herchell **Johnson,** a son, **Don,** born 22 July, weight 8 pounds 3 ounces.

Purple Heart

Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman, commanding general of Letterman, awarded the Order of the Purple Heart medal to an ambulatory and a bed patient in separate ceremonies Wednesday afternoon.

In a bedside presentation, Pfc. Maurice M. Melvin, South Dakto Infantryman, received the award for wounds inflicted in action near Manila on Luzon March 12. The ambulatory patient honored was Pfc. Alberto A. Gonzales, New Mexico Infantryman, who also was wounded in action on Luzon June 25.

Lieutenant Colonel Seth O. Craft, executive officer, read the citations and 1st Lieutenant A. L. Taro, aide de camp to the general, assisted.

Before You Invest—Investigate

It is difficult to imagine anyone heartless enough to attempt to victimize the families of war casualties, but information concerning fradulent schemes designed to swindle the families of American war heroes has recently come to the attention of the War Department.

Next of kin of Army casualties should guard against the possibility of being taken in by certain individuals, groups and organizations who are conducting promotional schemes in which published Army casualty lists provide the basis of fraudulent exploitation.

These schemes take on varying forms. One of the most common is to write the next of kin, as appearing in the newspaper casualty lists, seeking further information on the soldier listed as a casualty. The next of kin is advised that the deceased soldier is to be given a particular and special niche in a so-called "hall of fame" or "Hero's Memorial Book" or photographic layout.

Cash remittances, or deposits in advance are required. As soon as the remittance is received, the transaction is closed, and another soldier's family has been victimized by this new and contemptible form of racketeering.

Vigorous action is being taken by the United States Post Office Department in all such cases as fast as they are uncovered. Postal fraud orders, denying the use of the U. S. mails to these casualty list swindlers, are issued, and in those cases where the facts warrant such action, criminal prosecution follows swiftly.

MARGUERITE CHAPMAN IS COLUMBIA THIRTEENTH "LOOK OF THE MONTH"



MARGUERITE CHAPMAN

When a girl these days willingly squanders her last pair of nylons, it is a heavy sacrifice and may be taken to indicate that she wants something very much.

A girl whom this description fits, right down to the last pair of nylons with the runs in them, is a lissom young lady by the name of Marguerite Chapman, who works for Columbia Pictures, a corporation that manufactures and distributes motion pictures. Miss Chapman acts in them.

She has just laid her last nylons on the altar of glamour, and doesn't regret it one bit.

At stake in the deal was the heroine role opposite Fred MacMurray in "Pardon My Past," a Mutual production for Columbia release. The director, Leslie Fenton, laid it on the line—play the role and have a wardrobe as elaborate as any worn by Rita Hayworth, Rosalind Russell, Irene Dunne or any other top glamour queen, for example. And coiffures that would be out of this world, they'd be so dazzling.

But no sheer nylon hosiery, for even studios can't get any nowadays.

It would mean that Marguerite would have to wear her own, if she still possessed any, which she did—one pair. And she agreed to the sacrifice, for the sake of the role.

Brown-haired, blue-eyed Marguerite spent her school days at White Plains, N. Y., dreaming that some day she would grow up to be an alluring movie star. Which she now has, but there has been some delay about the alluring part, due to such roles as the Russian girl guerrilla in a recent Paul Muni picture, in the course of which Marguerite wore one costume, a shapeless, quilted affair with a drawstring around the middle.

Now she wears glamour clothes and her own last nylons, and gets to act, too. All of which makes her very happy.

Like The Uniform?

The wearing of a uniform always brings added responsibility on the part of the wearer, to see that no reflection is cast by his actions upon the organization of which he is a member. This is particularly true of those wearing the uniforms of the armed forces of the United States.

The unauthorized wearing of any Army uniform carries with it heavy penalties, and most States have laws making it a criminal offense for unauthorized persons to wear a military uniform.

Section 2, Act of 21 June 1940 (46 Stat. 793) reads as follows: "All persons who have served honorably in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and/or Coast Guard of the United States during war shall, when not in the active military and/or naval service of the United States, be entitled to bear the official title and upon occasions of ceremony, to wear the uniform of the highest grade held by them during their war service."

Immediately prior to discharge or separation from active service under honorable conditions, the Commanding Officers concerned are required to inform all military personnel of the pertinent provisions of the law setting forth the conditions under which the uniform may be worn. Such Commanding Officers are also required to emphasize that whenever the uniform is worn after discharge or separation from active service, there is an obligation not to bring discredit upon the service.

Military police have no authority to arrest civilians wearing the uniform of the armed services even though they may be discharged service personnel or personnel separated from active service. However, military police may detain for questioning any person wearing the uniform of the armed services who is conducting himself in such a manner as to bring discredit upon the service. If, upon careful examination, the person detained offers satisfactory evidence that he is not in the service or that he has been discharged or released from active duty, he will be turned over to the proper civil authorities provided he was committing a felony or a breach of the peace at the time of detention, or if there is evidence indicating that he is wearing the uniform in violation of Federal or State law. Otherwise, he will be released.

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WAC Band Comes to Letterman Hospital

Without instruments or equipment but with the rippling chords of musical treats to come running through their imagination, the 26-woman-strong Wac band, formerly a Fort Oglethorpe specialty, moved into Letterman Monday and Tuesday. The players are expecting their equipment to catch up with them shortly and meanwhile are looking around the post.

After two and a half years at the Georgia Wac training center, band members are looking forward to playing to a new and varied audience of hospital patients and detachment personnel.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Margery L. Pickett now directs the band, which started out in October 1942 as part of the Des Moines outfit and built up until in February 1943, it moved to Oglethorpe as a separate unit with its own budding espirit de corps and its own growing sense of group unity.

Warrant Officer Pickett came to Oglethorpe in April, following arrival of the original group. About 13 of that group remain in the present band; the rest were added from general assignment Wacs. The feminine director previously played with the Des Moines outfit, then took a three-month course at warrant officers' school, Fort Myers, Va., before reporting to Oglethorppe.

When band members look baack on their two and a half years at Oglethorpe, certain events stannd out.

Chief among them is always tthe visit of President Franklin D. Roossevelt, and most of the players can r recall without hesitation the exact date, April 16, 1943, even though they barely had time enough to look up from their instruments to watch the President reviewing the parading women soldiers.

A few of the women band members are professionals. T/4th Gr. Vernajene Gothberg played drums with the Chicago Women's Symphony Orchestra; T/4th Gr. Madeleine Y. Pennington played with Wanamaker's band in Philadelphia and T/4th Gr. Dorothy Zanelli toured as saxophone soloist with USO shows. There are others and there are, in addition, women who taught music in civilian life and those who played just because they enjoyed it.



Major General WILLIAM E. SHEDD, U.S. Army Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, who made an official viist to Letterman this week.

All Transportable Patients Now Home From European Front

More than 100,000 sick and wounded soldiers have been returned from Europe since V-E Day, it was disclosed today by Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, Assistant Surgeon General of the Army.

The Army set for itself a goal of returning by plane and ship all transportable wounded from Europe within 90 days after V-E Day and the record job was completed before the August 8th deadline. In the last war thousands of wounded awaited transportation from Europe for a year.

The number of non-transportable cases is comparatively small, General Bliss pointed out, and these will be transported to the U. S. as they are able to be moved.

A streamlined policy of processing wounded returnees has been in effect and the patient is permitted to visit home with an absolute minimum of delay. The majority of the men have arrived at New York City or Charleston, S. C. In a matter of hours within their arrival they are assigned a bed at a nearby hospital, such as Halloran at New York or Stark General at Charleston.

Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk has directed that the patient be sent from these port of debarkation hospitals to a hospital where he can get best medical and surgical care according to his needs. Amputation cases, for example, are sent to any of the seven general hospitals which specialize in this field, and deaf patients are sent to Borden in Oklahoma, Deshon in Pennsylvania, or Hoff in California.

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Ditch Digging Discloses No Delight for Native Son

Digging a ditch is strenuous work under any conditions, and the last time Pfc. Nick Catechis of San Francisco tried it he was lying pinned under Japanese machinegun and rifle fire on Luzon.

That was the day the cheerful 32-year-old veteran, who was machinegunner for 34 months overseas in a rifle company of the 40th Infantry (Sunshine) Division, was hit three times by persistent snipers—before he began his digging, and after he had abandoned it.

Pfc. Catechis, whose wife, Mrs. Alexandra Catechis, and son live at 673 Harrison Street in San Francisco, has been returned to the United States for treatment of wounds received on the day of his frantic ditch digging. He also had been wounded before.

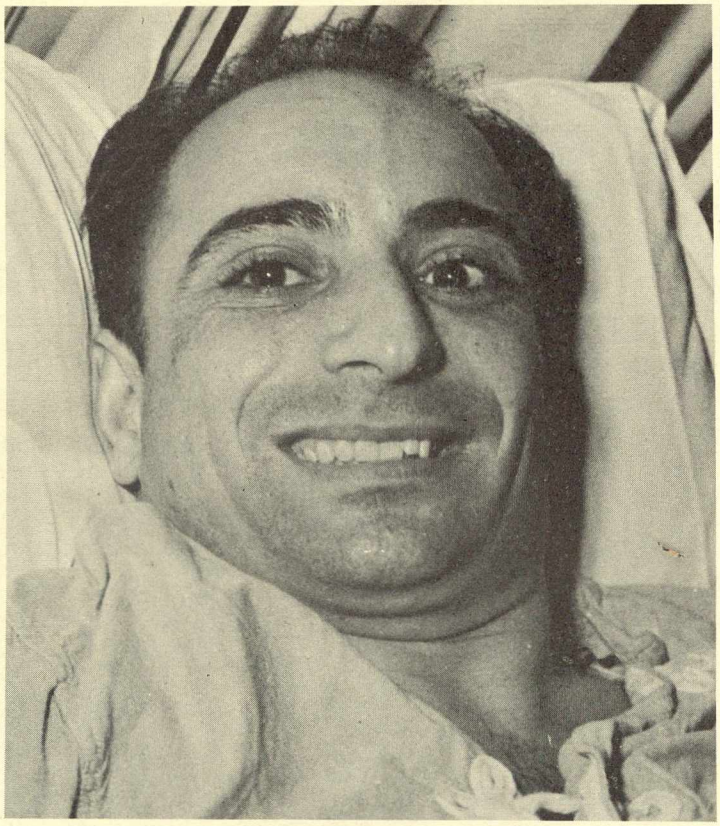
He told the story at Letterman, where he arrived from overseas.

"Our company was dug in with a sort of square perimeter," he explained. "The weapons platoon, my platoon, was along one side, and the Japs were giving us a good deal of trouble.

"Several men were wounded, but there was no way to move them out of their foxholes. We didn't dare even raise our heads—as I found out.

Finally, though, I suggested that if we could dig connecting ditches around our section of the perimeter, we could drag the wounded men along them to the shelter of a little bank. It seemed like a good idea, so we started digging.

"We had fought off a 'Banzai' attack at dawn that morning, then machineguns and snipers opened up on us to hold us in our holes. As we dug, one sniper put a shot clear through my steel helmet. It went in one side and out the other, but barely scratched me. That is what I mean about not being able to raise our heads.



Private First Class NICK CATECHIS, Whose wife, Mrs. Alexandra Catechis, lives at 673 Harrison Street in San Francisco, has been returned to this country for treatment of battle wounds received on Luzon. The 32-year-old veteran was overseas 34 months in a rifle company of the 40th Infantry Division, and won the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. He was wounded twice in the Philippines, where he fought as a machinegunner.

Then about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, another sniper shot struck me in the side. I decided I wouldn't lie there and die, so I jumped up and started to run back toward our medical aid men. The Japs were tossing in some mortar shells by then, so I zigzagged to dodge them.

"While I zigzagged, though, still another sniper caught me in the left leg, so I flopped and crawled about 15 yards to a hole I had set as my goal. While I lay in the hole, I put the dressing from my first aid pack on the wound in my side, and some time later a medic came up with a litter party and bandaged my leg.

"You know, we never did get those ditches dug. More men were wounded, some of those already wounded died as we tried to dig to them, and eventually the fire became too heavy to do anything. It was a rough day, all right."

Private Catechis, who won the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, received his basic training in the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Roberts, California. He went overseas with the Sunshine Division, and saw action in several Phillipine operations.

The first time he was wounded was early in the Luzon fighting during a shelling by enemy mortars.

"That didn't amount to much, though," he declared with a grin. "I was struck in the back by shell fragments, and just ran back to the aid station myself."

In addition to the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf cluster for his two wounds, Private Catechis wears the Philippine Liberation campaign ribbon authorized by the Philippine Commonwealth.

Before he entered the Army, he and a cousin operated the Haight Grill at 1509 Haight Street in San Francisco.

"HOW ABOUT YOU?"

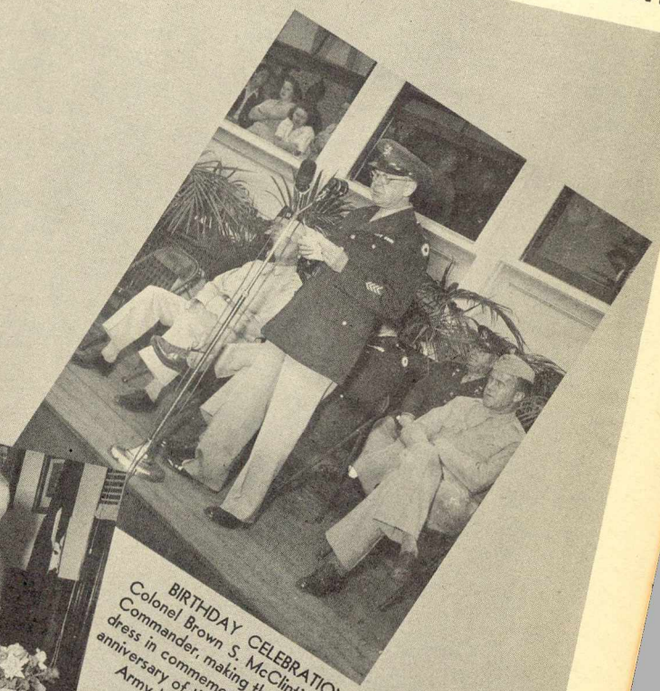
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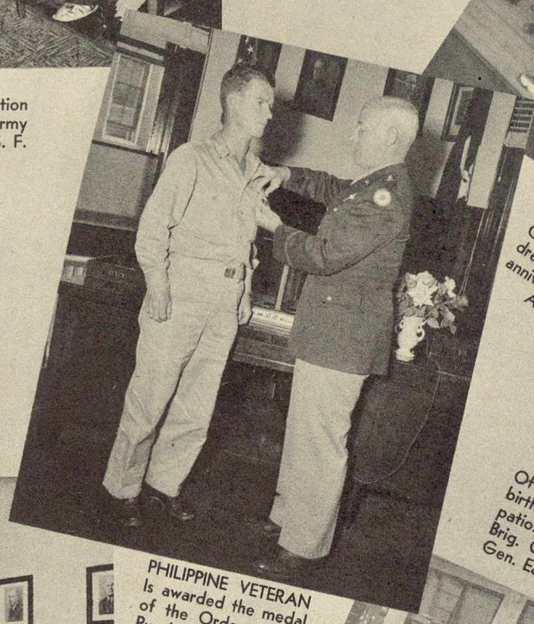
What The Cameraman Caught This Week at Letterman



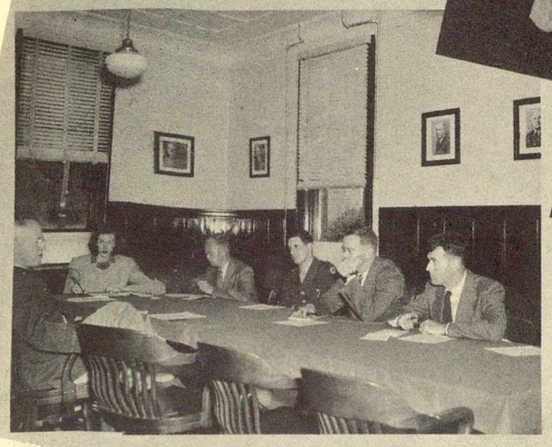
PART OF THE EXHIBIT
At the Army "Y" for the celebration program for the birthday of the Army Chaplains' Corps. Courtesy of S. F. 'Examiner."



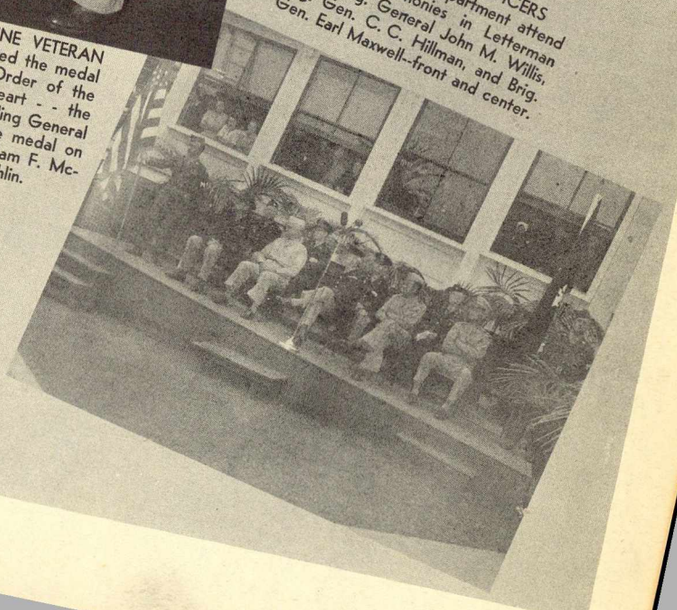
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Colonel Brown S. McClintic, Deputy Commander, making the principal address in commemoration of the 170th anniversary of the organization of the Army Medical Department.



SPEAKING TO THE PRESS
The Commanding General speaks at a conference with the representatives of the press on the expansion planned for Letterman.



PHILIPPINE VETERAN
Is awarded the medal of the Order of the Purple Heart - - the Commanding General pinning the medal on Major William F. McLaughlin.



THREE GENERAL OFFICERS
Of the Medical Department attend birthday ceremonies in Letterman patio. Brig. General John M. Willis, Brig. Gen. C. C. Hillman, and Brig. Gen. Earl Maxwell--front and center.

THE FOG HORN

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EDITORIAL

HABITS

Will habits formed during a man's stay in the Army affect his future life as a civilian? The question is an intriguing one and should bear a little thought.

For an example, let us take the Army-formed habit of making a bed each morning. This habit will naturally affect the married serviceman more than anyone else. Women, being the wonderfully clever and artful creatures that they are, undeniably will take advantage of hubby's Army training to mold him into a more domestic helpmate. And hubby, fresh from the Army and thoroughly indoctrinated to taking orders without asking why, will be an easy and gullible victim.

Then we have the matter of carrying the food to and from the table. Unquestionably the returned serviceman will directly after his first meal at home, arise from the table and cart his dirty dishes to the sink. Everybody knows that once a man gets to the sink there is no chance for him to get out of doing the dishes.

McDowell Salute.

We add that any one who has ever goofed off from a KP detail with success will have no trouble in getting out of the kitchen at home. True, sorta tough, but it can be done.

THE OBSERVER SAW

Something new has been added: **Dorothy Cohn** and **Helen Fogarty** eating gumdrops to improve the flavor of the PX coffee.

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Chaplain **Frank P. MacKenzie,** one time Lettermanite, back for a look at these familiar surroundings.

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Carmen Martinez seeing ambulances the same way some people see pink elephants but not for the same reason.

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Major **Harold P.** (Brick) **Muller** home from the wars and visiting confreres here.

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Major General **William E. Shedd,** commanding the Ninth Service Command, having a personal tour of inspection on the new construction hereabouts.

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Chaplain **C. V. Dameron** taking a train trip to New York and due to pass through his home town of Moberly, Mo.

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A notice from Captain **Wilmer H. Starr** to stop writing to him. He is coming home.

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The new corporal's chevrons on the sleeve of our Queen of the Copy Desk—**Helen F. Wilson.**

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Our fourth birthday coming up.

MORE ABOUT TRANSPORTABLE PATIENTS

(Continued from Page 1)

At the time of Pearl Harbor there were approximately 15,000 beds in all Army general hospitals in this country. That capacity is now 215,000 and does not include the vast network of Army station and regional hospitals which provide for routine needs of soldiers stationed in this country.

Visitors

Three Medical Corps officers from Australia visited Letterman Monday, to inspect procedure of our debarkation activities and visit all the medical departments to study the hospital's methods of treatment.

Major B. T. Keen-Cohen and Major F. H. M. Callow represented the Australian Army, and Commander J. J. Jens was delegated to appear for the Australian Navy.



First Lieutenant Ruby P. Peyton, one of several recent additions to Letterman's staff, came here from the redistribution station at Miami Beach, Fla., following overseas service. She was in Africa, Sicily and Italy from February 1943 until May of this year. A resident of Milan, Ind., in civilian days, Lieutenant Peyton entered the Army May 3, 1941.

Another new LGH nurse, First Lieutenant Eleanor M. Foster, originally from Philadelphia, served overseas for two and a half years, in Africa and Corsica, before returning to this country last May to be reassigned, through the Asheville, N. C., redistribution station, to Letterman.

From Wakeman Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Ind., comes the most recent newcomer, Second Lieutenant Careta M. Harrod.

Three members of the LGH staff left this week for assignment to Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park. First Lieutenant Ruth D. Dalton, a staff member for about six months, was here longest of the trio; the other two, 2nd Lts. Mary F. Howell and Eleanor Kronblad, came together to Letterman June 19, immediately following basic training at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Back from leave, presumably with renewed energy and enthusiasm, are 1st Lieutenant Magdalena Eckmann and 2nd Lieutenants Mauddean Anderson, Doris Bailey, Dora DeRock, Flora Facchini, Mary Jane Christensen, Sylvia Lueking, Mabel LeFebvre, Juanita Sofranko, Margie Wada, Ruth Wise and Agnes Simpson. Now on leave is 2nd Lieutenant Peggy E. Burke.

Major Ruth Wagner is acting Principal Chief Nurse during the sojourn of Major Josephine Motl in the hospital in the role of patient.

First Lieut. Minna I. Aasen has been added to the office staff of the Principal Chief Nurse.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, August 5, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Sympathy

The sympathy of the command is extended to 1st Lieut. Ernestine Stevenson on the death of her father, Dr. Ernest L. Loring, which occurred in Berkeley on Saturday of last week.

The sympathy of the command is also extended to Major Thomas A. Broderick on the death of his brother and to Lieut. Frances M. Pleasant on the death of her father.

Wedding Bells

In the presence of a small group of friends at a quiet ceremony held in the Post Chapel here on Saturday afternoon last, Pvt. Irene M. Gulyas was united in marriage with Pfc. John M. Allen. Corporal Bud Miller was the groomsman and Pvt. Rosemary Advey attended the bride.

After a brief honeymoon furlough the young couple returned to their respective stations.

Special Treat

Alec Templeton, whose handicap of blindness was unable to deter him from winning nation-wide acclaim as concert pianist and composer, will play for Letterman patients and Presidio personnel at 3 p.m., Sunday at the post Y.M.C.A.

As an entertainer who combines the art of comedy with that of music, Mr. Templeton has drawn the applause of the large popular circles of radio listeners and of the smaller groups of faithful concert-goers.

As we go to press we learn that Mr. Edward Arnold, well known movie star, will be on the program with Alec Templeton.

WAC OF TTHE WEEK



CECELIA PERFETTI
Corporal

In everything except weather, Cpl. Cecelia Perfetti's recent transfer from Fort Stevens, Ore., to Letterman has involved contrasts enough to satisfy even the most ardent advocate of the "spice of life" adage.

Cpl. Perfetti arrived here last Saturday and, since then, has observed that the misty penetrating weather is the only point in common between life at the medical center of Letterman and the coast artillery installation of Fort Stevens.

At the fort, Cpl. Perfetti recalls, she was one of only 95 Wacs; here there are more than 300 with numbers rising rapidy.

From acting Vac sergeant in the motor pool of the Oregon installation to a member of Letterman's occupational theapy staff is the change which Cl. Perfetti considers most important.She had been in the motor pool as driver, section leader and finally acting motor sergeant for the 23 months she was assigned to Fort Stevens.

Work in a jewelry manufacturing company in civilian life gave the corporal some of the experience she needs for her new job, she explained.

Two tangible reminders of Cpl. Perfetti's 23 months at Fort Stevens are a pair of red and silver "regimentals," disc-shaped insignia which she wears on her OD blouse. Each disc bears in silver the word "first" to indicate that Fort Stevens was the initial U.S. installation to be shelled, by sub, in this war.

Cpl. Perfetti became a Wac April 30, 1943, early in the life of the corps, took her basic training at Daytona Beach, Fla., and attended motor transport school there before her Oregon assignment.

"AMONG MY SOUVENIRS" BECOMES G. I. THEME SONG UNDER NEW RULES

That German or Jap souvenir you promised to bring the kid brother may not be an impossibility under the new regulations concerning the retention of war trophies by military personnel.

In order to improve the morale of the United States forces in the theaters of operations, retention by individuals of captured enemy equipment as war trophies, in accordance with specific instructions, is considered to be for the good of the service and not in violation of the 79th and 80th Articles of War.

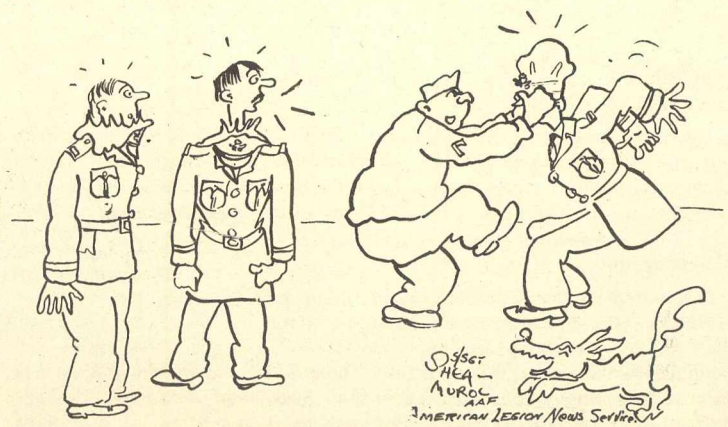
It is not the intention of the instructions to permit the return of trophies for sale or barter, and the possession of several similar items of enemy euipment by one individual may be considered an indication of intent to barter, and can be cause for confiscation of all the items shipped or brought into the United States by the individual.

It is also specified that war trophies will be taken only in a manner strictly consistent with the Rules of Land Warfare embodying the Geneva Conventions. Metal helmets and gas masks may be taken from prisoners by the proper authorities when prisoners have reached a place where they are no longer needed for protection. The taking of decorations, insignia of rank, or objects of value either from prisoners of war or from the wounded or dead (otherwise than officially for examination and safe keeping), is a violation of the Rules of Land Warfare. There is nothing unlawful, however, in a soldier of our Army picking up and retaining small objects found on the battlefield, or buying articles from prisoners of war of the sort which, it is unlawful for him to take from a prisoner, or from the wounded or the dead. Under no circumstances may war trophies include any item which in itself is evidence of disrespectful treatment of enemy dead.

The Federal, State and local laws pertaining to the transportation, registration, and ownership of firearms and other lethal weapons vary widely, and must be complied with. Failure to register this type of equipment, which includes rifles, small arms, swords, bayonets, blackjacks, slingshots, billies, bludgeons, metal knuckles, and the like, may result in the confiscation by authorities of such items, and also the prosecution of the individuals in whose unauthorized possession such articles are found. It would be well to seek competent advice before retaining or shipping any material of this nature.

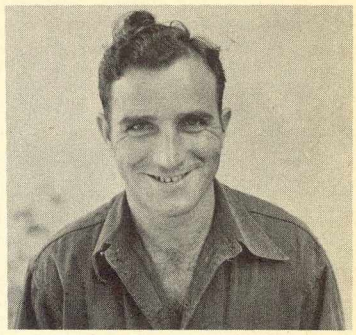
The weight of war trophies included in the baggage of returning military personnel, when such baggage is to be shipped to the United States at Government expense must come within limitations prescribed by current regulations. In addition to the clothing and equipment authorized in movement or travel orders of individuals returning to the United States, each enlisted man will be authorized not to exceed 25 pounds of baggage for personal items and captured materiel trophies.

WD Circular 155 contains the specific instructions covering this subject. Get the details on these new regulations from your Personal Affairs Officer.



"McDermott must have his 85 points!"

ON THE SPOT



JOSEPH REIDDA
Sgt., Infantry

Sergeant Joseph Reidda, who won the Bronze Star Medal on Guam for rescuing his wounded platoon sergeant under heavy enemy artillery fire, doesn't know much about his own rescue after he was wounded on Io Shima.

"All I know is that when I woke up I was on an LST heading for a hospital ship," says the stocky, 27-year-old Infantry vet from East Paterson, N. J.

The former house painter, who was overseas 15 months in a rifle company of the 77th Division, told of the action for which he was cited and in which he was wounded during a recent interview at Letterman.

"We were attacked by some Jap tanks and artillery one night," he recalled, "and the sergeant was caught out in front about 25 yards. He was wounded an unable to move, so I crawled out and pulled him back.

"That was where I picked up my first wound. I was struck in the back by fragments of an artillery shell."

"My second wound was a little different," the assistant squad leader said. "We were attacking on Io Shima when a mortar shell exploded right in front of me. The concussion knocked me out, and I was struck in the chest by fragments.

"I still don't know how I was bandaged or evacuated. Some of the men of my platoon told me later they let me lie there awhile because they thought I had been killed. Anyway, when I woke up I was on an LST on my way to a hospital ship."

Sergeant Reidda has the Purple Heart with an Oak-Leaf cluster and in addition wears the Philippine Liberation campaign ribbon. His Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon bears three battle stars for the Marianas, Philippines and Ryukus campaigns.

MEDICAL DETACH

Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted to Privates First Class during the past week; Pvt. Willie G. Speaks, Robert E. Stevens, Fred D. Wong, Charles Urowicz, and Edward R. Valerian.

Lucky GIs to be off to their homes during the past week were: Pvts. William Peavy and Louis B. Goldstein, each with 25 days; S/Sgt. Lowell G. Buettner, Cpl. Roger R. Rockholm and T/5th Gr. Albert J. Giovanetti, each with 23 days; T/4th Gr. Roy L. Russell and Pvt. Maurice E. Smith, each with 21 days; Sgt. Paul P. Hecht with 15 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

S/Sgt. Jay Connell spending his lunch period trying to win a game of solitaire, but so far he is in the red.

S/Sgt. Firmino Cavalli being missed around the Administration Building as he is now a patient at the annex.

T/Sgt. Lewin S. Villa getting lucky these days and making a few points in snooker.

The detachment dance held last Friday turning out to be a big success, thanks to Special Service.

The manpower shortage in the Administration Building as even M/Sgt. Ernest E. Allen was seen carrying a typewriter to the repair shop.

S/Sgt. John W. Dean now has a WAC assistant to take charge of the WAC ward attendants but so far she has not become a second Simon Legree.

Good luck to Pvt. Rolland F. Beedy, one of Letterman's old time military policeman who received his discharge during the week.

Cpl. James P. Petrinovich now working in the Hospital Charge of Quarters as a chaser and already showing that he is a capable man with handing out buttons.

The men of T-1123 moving down to Crissy Field and now getting their daily exercise by walking back and forth to the hospital.

New York (CNS)—Mrs Mary Moloney, 32, was lonely, so she turned in a false alarm. Said she: "I hope I get 90 days for this; then I'll have company." Next day she passed up the opportunity to make new friends and paid the fine.

DARING DIETITIAN UNDAUNTED BY DEATH DEALING DETONATIONS



1st Lieut. EDNA M. RAYBURN, H.D.
Survivor of the attack on the hospital ship "Comfort"

Twenty minutes after the frantic kamikaze pilot plowed his plane into the U.S.S. Comfort, the stunned workers aboard had almost completely restored order and were longing for a good, hot cup of coffee. The main diet pantry, along with the operating room, dental clinic, X-ray offices and wards, had been completely demolished, but thanks to 1st Lt. Edna M. Raybourn, not only coffee, but sandwiches suddenly appeared and were served on the superstructure that was left standing.

Lt. Raybourn was the dietitian on the "Comfort," and left her volunteer work in the bombed section long enough to slip down to one of the small remaining pantries and whip together some sustaining food.

Later, the situation became more difficult. Says the Lieutenant: "We had quite a problem feeding the many patients aboard. The sergeant who usually helps me was badly burned and unable to assist. But after the first breakfast we were again in good working order."

This wasn't the first time Lt. Raybourn had been under fire. Her ribbons show five stars, representing the Central Pacific campaign, Luzon, the Ryukus, Phillipine campaign, and Pacific Liberation. She was assigned to the 'Comfort" January 6, 1945, and was caught under fire for the first time at Eulithia.

She's a graduate of the University of Kansas, where she majored in diatetics and nutrition. In 1941 (July 29, to be exact—Edna's a demon on correct dates) she entered civil service and was taken into the Army March 16, 1943. Two and one-half years were spent at Fort Riley, Kansas, then she was assigned to the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation on January 1, 1944.

We asked her what stood out in her mind as something rather unusual, and the first thing she thought of was the knee-deep mud she discovered on Leyte. The ship put in there six times, and never once did they find the island dry. The only way to move was by wheeled transportation, and she was just out of luck if there wasn't a jeep or reasonably accurate facsimile somewhere nearby when she had to travel around. The other places, she says, weren't half so bad.

Lt. Raybourn will be temporarily stationed here at Letterman.

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

It took one marine almost eight hours to get a situation under control but he did it.

A leatherneck whom Pvt. Jean Harris knew from her home town, Pittsburgh, came to San Francisco this week determined to find her. He knew she was at Letterman; he didn't know there were also 316 other Wacs at the hospital but Jean doesn't think it would have discouraged him.

From 7 a. m. until 3:30 he hunted for her, asking every Wac and almost every nurse. When he did locate her ward, it was 43, an isolated ward. Jean, however, solved that problem by meeting him outside.

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Pvt. Aurell Krueger and Pvt. Lucille Matossian, who spent a 3-day pass in Hollywood recently, reported disappointment at finding less glamour in the film capital than they had expected.

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Seen around the barracks . . . A champagne glass, treasured by one Wac as a souvenir from a "wonderful" party, now holding spools of thread and sewing materials.

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On furlough—1st Sgt. Eudora B. Lombardi in Jersey City, N. J.; T/4 Ruth M. Godwin, Hollywood; T/4 Hazel Robinson, Lynn, Mass.; T/5 Melba K. Swenson, Pine River, Minn.; T/5 Leonarda Witkowski, Cleveland; Pvt. Delberta E. Sehring, Aurora, Ill., Pvt. Virginia S. Malmstead, Grossmont, Calif.; and T/5 Janet E. Vanstrum, Long Beach, Calif.

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T/3rd Gr. Agnes Zouhar holding out alone in the Photolab these days while her associates are enjoying furloughs.

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Pvt. Marie Field, who joined the Public Relations staff, on transfer from Percy Jones General Hospital, is a resident of the East Bay and a former "Call-Bulletin" reporter.

CIVIL CIRCLES

Bill Gruening is all wwrapped up in bug control this weekk. His new system is quite remarkabble. Instead of using any DDT, Bill telells us that he simply shows his picicture (see last week's Fog Horn), tao the bugs and they curl up and die. . We think, however, that this is a ggross exaggeration. The bugs may boecome violently ill, but nothing cann convince us that they perish afterr a glimpse of Bill's photogenic physiiognomy.

Two of our ward attendants are on vacation this week. **Louise Knight's** fiance has come home from the wars, they were married here and are deep in the heart of you-know-where, for two weeks. Then there's **Howard Smith,** who has gone south to Los Angeles. Tom Sugart is sojourning at San Pedro.

Martha Phillips is spending the first week of her leave in the Bay Area, thence to Yosemite where she has planned a great deal of bike riding, her favorite sport. And no gas coupons, we might add. Martha is a native Bostonian but San Francisco has won her completely.

Ida Driscoll will report for duty next week when she returns from Russian River.

Champion Nixon left his wife at a Forestry Service Lookout Station in Washington. She should be back any day now. Miriam and Nick had a delightful leave. They really covered the Pacific Northwest and became expert at digging clams and catching crabs.

LGH has had more than its quota of victims of poison oak. **Minty Yankel** from the Laundry is the latest. She went all the way to Sacramento to get it, too! But, like ants at a picnic, sunburn and poison oak go with vacations. And stiffness often goes with bowling, as in the case of **Pearly Bills,** whose efficiency in distributing laundry bundles has diminished slightly as a result of her over-enthusiasm. She has difficulties with her shoulder muscles, but is carrying on splendidly.

Gladys Dorsett is due Monday after a rest at home. And **Joyce Pringle** will be at Lakee Tahoe with her family for two weeks. And we'll be off the page if this doesn't end right now.

DRILLING COMES NATURALLY TO ARMY DENTIST BORN NEAR PARADE GROUND



Major JOEL H. SLATER, D.C.
Who adds trick roping at rodeos to his avocations

If you see a broad-shouldered, tanned officer gazing witfully into the almost completed swimming pool, ten chances it'll be Major Joel H. Slater, chief of Letterman's Dental Prosthetic Section.

The Full Back proportions the Major modestly attributes to swimming (about 25 miles each month) and to his cowboy trick-roping at rodeos. His sun "glow," which spreads like the Aurora Borealis over the entire Dental Annex, is a partial hangover from three years spent in the Aleutians.

The Major is an "army brat" from way back. His stepdad is Colonel Eugene J. Cramer, retired. During 30 years with the Cavalry, the Colonel was able to give young Joel a nice view of Cuba, the Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines.

Major Slater recalls that he was born in Buffalo at the turn of the century. Quickly skimming the childhood spent in foreign parts picking up a smattering of Spanish, a great spattering of swimming and riding, he grabs eagerly at the fortune which caused him, at 17, to join the Marines, in time to get 18 months of World War I.

"The Marines are a good outfit!" says the Major, nostalgically eyeing his two Marine ribbons above the star-studded Pre-Pearl Harbor and Asiatic Ribbons. "When I came home from the last war, I had half a mind to keep going with the Marines, but somehow school caught up with me, and then I became interested in dentistry."

His interest in better teeth brought him, in 1923, a degree in dentistry from North Pacific College of Dentistry at Portland, where he practiced for 18 years. He kept one foot in the Army by enlisting in the Reserves and by the time he was called to active service in July 1941, he had his majority for more than a year.

Sent to Camp Haan at Riverside with the 215th Coast Artillery Anti Aircraft, the Major was there three weeks before being shipped to Kodiak, Alaska. He married Grace Peters at Fort Lewis four hours before sailing.

From August 1941 until he returned to the States last year, he saw all there was to see of the Aleutians, down the chain to within 800 miles of Japan; was very much there during the Jap invasion. As chief of the Dental Services for the 179th Station Hospital at Adak, was senior dental officer for the entire chain.

Back home last April, Major Slater's first assignment was Letterman and he became Chief of the Prosthetic Section here last December 10.

Coming back to that swimming pool. You see, what with rodeos being so few and far between in wartime, Major Slater travels, by streetcar, all the way to Fleishhacker's pool at least four days a week, to swim two or three miles (that 25 miles a month).



To Pfc. and Mrs. Lloyd **Ueland,** a son, **Eric Wendel,** born 23 July, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

To Major and Mrs. Howard R. **Atwood,** a son, **Brian John,** born 23 July, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces.

To M/Sgt. and Mrs. Louis **Butler,** a daughter, **Patricia Ann,** born 23 July, weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Robert **Horn,** a son, **Jeffrey William,** born 24 July, weight 8 pounds and 11 ounces.

To Capt and Mrs. Paul C. **Jensen,** a son, **Marvin Bond,** born 24 July, weight 5 pounds and 7 ounces.

To T/5th Gr. and Mrs. Thomas **Byrnes,** a daughter, **Kathleen Mercedes,** born 26 July, weight 8 pounds and 8 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Jack **Robineau** a daughter, **Alida June,** born 27 July, weight 7 pounds and 5 ounces.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Joe. H. **White,** a daughter, born 28 July, weight 6 pounds and 15 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Don **Garrett,** a daughter, Donna **Jean,** born 28 July, weight 7 pounds and 11 ounces.

Miss Lace and Caniff Make Television Debut



CNS-Yank photo—Friedman

After Milton Caniff drew Lace, NBC produced Conover model Dorothy Partington, who portrayed the GI heroine in a television broadcast. Model Partington admitted she doesn't look much like Lace.

By Camp Newspaper Service

Miss Lace, who has hit as many Army camps as most GIs, turned up in a new spot the other night and made her television debut over NBC's New York station, WNBT. Chances are the event went unnoted by Lace's many followers, because there are but 6,000 receivers in the station's 50-mile radius.

The occasion was an interview of Milton Caniff, Lace's creator, by Julian Bryan, a travel lecturer. Caniff drew our gal's portrait as he answered questions, and the whole thing was televised.

As he pencilled in Lace's sleek hair, Caniff explained that in the early days of Army publications, there was a need for a humorous feature, which he offered to fill.

Giving her eyes, he said the feature had to have a gag in each insertion, rather than follow a continuity, "because soldiers move around quite a bit." Caniff then drew Lace's lips, and told of his fan mail.



Here's Lace as she appears on the cover of Caniff's book, 'Male Call.'

"Sometimes chaplains object to her," he said, "but I tell them the boys need Lace. Sometimes the chaplains go overseas for a while and write me that I am right."

After Caniff finished his drawing without a model, which he seldom uses, NBC produced one in the person of a Dorothy Partington.

An NBC press agent had Dorothy pose for pictures in alluring, Lacey attitudes. Afterwards, the press agent asked her:

"Did anyone ever tell you you look like Lace?"

In surprise, she replied: "Oh my no."

EDITORS: This feature is a substitute for the regular CNS 'Male Call' strip. 'Male Call' will be resumed next week.

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Billiard Tourney Begins Aug. 9

Another snooker and billiard tournament is to begin in the East Hospital Post Exchange Monday, August 6th. According to the Special Services Office, the cue-and-ball tourney is being held again due to the great response aroused by the last elimination series.

The outstanding competitor in the first exhibition was Pfc. Frank Collaizzo, who overwhelmed all opposition in both snooker and three cushion billiards. His coolness and ability under pressure proved to be an unbeatable combination.

Another high-light of the previous tourney was the defeat of the number one seeded billiard player, M/Sgt. Vaughn Yeomans, by dark-horse, T/3 Charlie Wilcox.

The coming tournament is open to everyone, and will award the winners with handsome prizes. Special Services is interested in having all the Cochrane's and Hoppe's turn out for the match.

Liberated War Prisoner Killed In Peninsula Crash

Sergeant Emmett Broderick, 34, one of the five fighting sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Broderick, 1528 Cypresss avenue, Burlingame, was killed early yesterday when his car side-swiped a large gasoline trailer truck on El Camino Real and overturned.

Sergeant Broderick, home only a few weeks from the European theater where he was a German prisoner of war for several months, was driving south on El Camino Real when the accident occurred. Witnesses said he swerved sharply and hit the truck.

Besides his parents, Broderick is survived by his brothers, Major Thomas Broderick of the Army Medical Corps, stationed at Letterman General Hospital; John J. Broderick, USNR, serving in the Philippines; Corporal Robert Broderick, USMCR, serving in the South Pacific, and Lieutenant Andrew A. Broderick, en-route home from the European Theater.

Niagara Falls, N. Y. (CNS)—William (Red) Hill went over Niagara Falls in a barrel while 100,000 persons watched. Hill survived, the crowd applauded politely, then yawned and went away. All Hill received for his trouble was $300 in nickels and dimes.

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Gen. Willits Flying Westward Pauses at Letterman Hospital

Brigadier General John M. Willis, who for the past nine months has been serving as Surgeon of the Mid-Pacific Command, dropped off at Letterman Thursday on his way back to the Pacific after attending a week-long conference held in Washington, D. C., where he conferred with the Surgeon General, Major General Norman T. Kirk and other officers of the Surgeon General's office on matters pertaining to future medical service to be given war casualties in the Pacific.

"There are not as many wounded in the Pacific at the present time as there were about six weeks ago," said the General, when interviewed in Brigadier General Charles C. Hillman's office here.

"I will say this, if it be of any help here, our patients there are getting the best medical care that human beings can possibly receive, and I cannot speak too highly of the medical profession in the Pacific."

An example of what has been achieved is the progress made in the fight to eliminate malaria, he maintains.

"Malaria, which was so prevalent among our troops in the early days of the war, has been reduced to a minimum. We still wage a continuous battle against the malaria mosquito, and I can not say too much in praise of the use of DDT, our mosquito insecticide there."

Pacific nurses also came in for high praise by the General who believes they have done a magnificent job in the Pacific. Now that the war in Europe is over, he says, the supply of nurses is more liberal and they are amply filling the need in the Pacific.

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Brigadier General CHARLES C. HILLMAN, U. S. Army Commanding Letterman General Hospital

As the FOGHORN adds another year to its life I believe it fitting to add my congratulations on the completion of the fourth year of service to the patients and personnel of Letterman General Hospital. It has accomplished the task assigned—the dissemination of items of interest on our daily lives and acquainted our friends with what is going on in this command. The year ahead promises to be the biggest in our history and I feel certain the FOGHORN will continue to grow in value to all who are associated with Letterman.

C. C. Hillman,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Commanding

Announcement is Made of Additional Construction Here

A further interest in the size of Letterman General Hospital was indicated in a press dispatch from Washington on Tuesday when official announcement was made of additional facilities to be constructed here.

In the list of new buildings now authorized are a chapel, an enclosed train shed, a bus terminal, eight bachelor officers' quarters — two story buildings to house 80 officers in each, a recreation building, three new barracks buildings for enlisted men, one large mess hall to accommodate 900 men, and a new Post Exchange building.

The erection of the train shed will permit the removal of patients directly from the wards in the new hospital to trainside and eliminate the present method of transfer by ambulance from the hospital to the trains. One movement will be sufficient and thereby avoid any discomfort caused by frequent handlings of the litters.

The chapel is something that has long been needed at Letterman and its location between the present Crissy annex and the new hospital site will make it convenient for the patients and personnel on duty. The present chapel has been "temporary" for nearly 20 years and while it compares favorably in appointments with any chapel in the service, its location on the second floor precluded attendance of patients in wheel chairs at divine services.

Also to be constructed are three warehouses with a total area of 60,000 square feet to keep on hand the numerous articles of equipment and supply needed for a hospital of 8500 beds. The rapid turnover of patients

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FOGHORN BLASTS STILL STRING AT END OF 4TH YEAR

The editor was sitting back in his chair, dreaming about some place where the sun might come out occasionally, with an odd thought that maybe the newly discovered source of atomic power might be harnessed to get the paper out on time and without too much effort when in



New Girl Friday

burst the Man of All Work with "Say, Boss, do you know this issue will be the last of volume 4?" The boss had a faint idea of what goes here-abouts. His day dream was banished and he turned to the business of talking about the past year.

"Let's see; we've had some changes in personnel and names always make news."

One change was the departure of Lieut. Elizabeth E. Reese for station at Baxter General Hospital in Spokane, Wash., and her place taken by Captain Elizabeth Holman, who subsequently became a patient and the burden of the work falling on the broad shoulders of our New Girl Friday—Lieut. Gladys L. Haller. "Hap" —Lieut. Haller to you—came to us from Lawson General Hospital where she was alleged to have done a good job in the Public Relations Office and she gives every promise of enhancing her reputation while on the staff of the FOGHORN. Being an "eager beaver" she starts working on next week's paper this week but still retains our title of "Girl Friday" because the paper goes to press on that day and she can always manage to hold out some copy until Friday. "Hap" plays first base for the WAC softball team and the way she can reach for the high throws and those frequent tosses into the dirt from the wing of less experienced infielders prompts one and all to stay out of reach when making any wise cracks in or out of the "Sanctum."

Another change in the staff occurred when Miss V.—the former "Queen of the Copy Desk"—left us for a billet at Dante Annex—and she took with her that supply of commas which were so generously sprinkled through her copy. Her successor is T/5th Gr. Helen D. Wilson, WAC, and a character in her own right. Being a Navy wife in addition to her own status as a militarized female sort of has her pitching from both sides and has the result of keeping some of us guessing as to whether the pitch is to originate from port or starboard. In civil life she was with the TWA airline and that gives her a background of sea, air, and ground forces and who are we to argue with her on any point. She gets the last lick at the copy before it goes to the printer and it is just good sense to remain in her good graces. On special assignment she has been the custodian of the new mascot—"Jerry," the toy French poodle—and her photo has adorned these pages in that role. Otherwise she would prefer to indulge her passion for anonymity in keeping with the others on the staff, thought at least once a year we may remove the veil of secrecy about this project.



Still the Man of All Work

An addition to the staff—and a find—is T/5th Gr. Jeanne Riha, who conducts a few columns and gathers in the special features. In civil life she worked on a paper somewhere in Montana and her training included industry to a high degree. Another way of saying she is endowed with boundless energy and never misses a "deadline." She blushes without effort and on slight provocation, and there ought to be a law to keep callers from teasing her into a high carmine flush. And you really never heard a giggle until Jeanne's rings in your ears.

The old timer remaining unchanged by the ravages of time is the Old Man of All Work—Sergeant Patrick J. Sullivan—who is well into his third year on the staff of this paper. His job is to do everything requested of him and he does everything well. He writes the notes for the Medical Department column, and he looks after the mailing list, and he maintains close liaison with the photographic laboratory, and he sees to it that the "copy" gets to the post office in time to catch the last mail, and he gets to the sanctum early and stays late, and works seven days a week with one afternoon off if and when his services can be spared which is a rare day in the life of the paper, and he takes a "beating" from the men mentioned in his column, and he takes a further beating for some of the writings of the editor when the readers are displeased, and he catches it from the editor when that old ogre gets off to a bad start on a dark grey morning, and to put it succinctly, Pat is always in the middle. The humdrum existence has not lessened his Irish wit and his ready smile, and he still can "give" with a cold eye when the circumstances require a bit of a chill. Pat is still an asset to the paper.



New Queen of the Copy Desk

A recent addition to the staff is Kay Hardy, formerly of Hollywood, and written up at length on another page of this issue. Her wide acquaintance among the folk of flickerland and her thorough knowledge of the background of movie matters make her a valuable acquisition, even wonderful, or colossal, or stupendous, or should we say terrific.

In keeping with the policy adopted with the first issue of the FOGHORN no names are carried at the masthead and this annual tribute is supposed to compensate for that omission.

More about us next year.



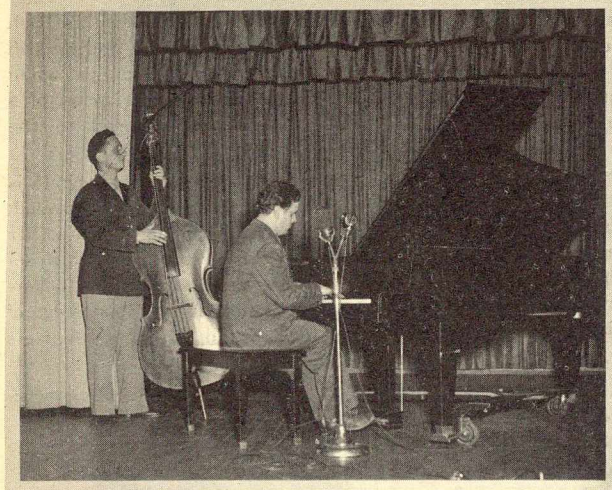
New Reporter

Missoula, Mont (CNS) —Irked when he was fined $5 for overtime parking, stubborn John Brandenburg refused to pay the fine, went to jail instead and then spitefully flushed his $1000 bankroll down the cellblock toilet.

New York (CNS) — John S. Sumner, who doesn't like sin, points with pride to these results of his record this year in suppressing vice: 37,002 books banned, 23,818 pictures and postcards confiscated: 12,900 circulars burned and 24,293 "immoral" odds and ends destroyed.

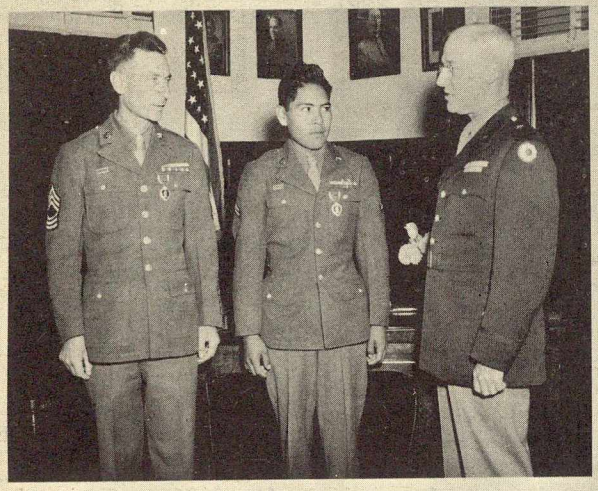
Charlotte, N. C. (CNS)—A man who tried to sell the local chief of police a bottle of liquor, while the chief was sitting in his car in plainclothes, got 60 days.

Celebrities of Stage, Screen, and Radio Entertain Here





Alec Templeton and Edward Arnold joined forces Sunday to present an hour and a half of fun and games. Place: the YMCA Building. Alec started out by playing the "Warsaw" Concerto, "then launched into an all request program, making things complicated for himself by putting all the numbers into one big medley. That meant mixing the "Polonaise," "Boogie - Woogie," "Dreams" and "The Lost Chord." Only Templeton could do it and come out even. Ed Arnold was M. C. of the show, and introduced his good friend Major Roberto Escamilla, now stationed at Letterman. Major Escamilla used to slap a mean bass with Ted Lewis's band, and his performance in Sunday's jam session proved he can still swing as wide as any gate. That's the Major over there topside. Below, watching Alec, is Cpl. Arthur Logbottom, Lt. Col. Seth Craft, and Eddie Arnold. Before Eddie conducted the Community Sing, he demonstrated the range of his famous laugh--gave four variations from polite to hysterical, then had to wait five minutes for the audience to calm its own deep chuckle.



FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION
Master Sergeant Walter Ring, QMC., and Cpl. Porfirio Rivera, Inf., listen to the Commanding General as he speaks in praise of their deeds on Bataan before the surrender.



MASCOT TURNS PATIENT
"Jerry" our mascot looms up with right foreleg in a cast--that's the long white streak in center of photo--result of getting himself in a hole. And his constant companion in a supporting role. Lucky dog!

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EDITORIAL

BIRTHDAYS

In recent weeks various installations and organizations of the Army have been celebrating birthdays and ages run all the way from the 170 years of the Medical Department to the three years of the Transportation Corps. Now the FOG-HORN comes up with our fourth birthday, so we are one year older than the T. C. but we will not take advantage of our seniority.

Believe it or not, but a certain amount of thought and study goes into the preparation of each issue of the FOG-HORN. There is also a modicum of labor involved though the enthusiasm displayed by the members of the staff in getting out each succeeding edition makes it play instead of labor. No one has a full time job on the staff; everyone assists "in addition to other duties"—a good old Army custom.

Our readers have been most considerate and their interest in the weekly output is encouraging. We never willingly print anything that might give offense to any one, and some of our characters who get an occasional "ribbing" have taken it like good sports. No threats of damage suits for libel have been made nor have any intimations of personal assault been given—yet. We wish to make our readers our friends and their attitude has been most friendly.

We are open to suggestions to improve the paper and to make it more helpful to the patients and the personnel of the command. The door of the editorial sanctum is always open and the editor is unarmed.

So next week we head into the fifth year.



By Marie Field

Looking serene and well rested from a month's leave, First Lieutenant Agnes M. Hauker reported for duty at LGH Tuesday, bringing with her memories of experiences not so serene during more than two years' service on the India-China front. She reports early hardships which later gave way to "a very comfortable mode of living" in the thatched huts made by the natives of upper Assam. Many nurses left Assam unwillingly, Lt. Hauker says.

The CBI veteran is a resident of Philadelphia and took her training at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. She entered the ANC in May of 1942, her promotion to first lieutenant coming while she was overseas in May, 1944.

Fresh from the European theater, with four bronze stars on her ETO ribbon for service in the North African and Middle Eastern campaigns, came First Lieutenant Evelyn N. Westlind last Sunday to join the staff at LGH.

A resident of Turlock, Calif., Lt. Westlind entered the Army May 1, 1943, at Camp Grant, and before going overseas in February last year saw service at Camp Shanks, Ft. Hamilton and Camp Kilmer. She won her silver bars in March of this year. She was transferred here from Stark General Hospital, Charleston, following a rotation leave.

Seven nurses who received their basic training and were commissioned second lieutenants at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash., within the past month reported for duty at LGH this week. They are: Doris Marie Comer of Great Falls, Mont.; Christine Kennedy of Stockton, Calif., Virginia Mae Jackson of Bay City, Wis., and Catherine J. Fowler of Tacoma, Wash. Jane C. Farrell, Doris McClymont and Mary L. Schragl of Hamilton, Mont.

However, LGH lost nine of its staff back to Madigan General this week: 2nd Lieutenants Florence J. Fitzsimmons, Elizabeth M. V. Chuck, Helen E. Habritter, Angelina M. Panero, Doris J. Johnson, Mary L. Ryan, Jean Spence, Margaret R. King and Mary K. Kalchik.

To the replacement depot at Camp Beale, Calif., to be processed for overseas duty, this week went 2nd Lieutenants Eleanor M. Godfrey, Dora D. De Rock and Flora G. Facchini.

There are new signs of vim and vigor on the wards served by at least three nurses just back from leave: 2nd Lieutenants Lana A. Giles, June Van Natter and Juanita B. Sofranko. On leave now are 2nd Lieutenants Joseph Palermo, Eleanor F. Kerr, Mary L. Boggs and 1st Lieutenants Constance Stewart, Elizabeth L. Drake, Lillian M. Hall and Agnes E. Donahue.

First Lieutenant Katherine C. Forrestal is out of the hospital and back to duty.

Special Services Offer Heavy Bill

Special Services will bring the big-time to Letterman next week through the medium of stage and radio.

The entertainment parade will be lead off on Tuesday when members of the cast of "Rose Marie," currently playing at the Curran Theatre, will appear in the Patio. Along with the stars will be Mr. Steve Shephard, well-known magician. The musical background will be played by the WAC Band, their initial appearance at LGH.

On Thursday ,the bill of fare spotlights a radio show, originating in the YMCA and braodcast over KYA. The show features Judy Deane, master of the keyboard, and a quiz with wounded men at Letterman. Prizes, such as a trip to a downtown hotel for dinner, tickets to a stage production, a beautiful date and corsage for the occasion will be given the winning contestant. The broadcast starts at 7 p. m.

Beginning Monday, 13 August, a three cushion billiard tournament among detachment members will begin. The last tourney was won by Sergeant "Red" Davis, Dental Branch with the runner-up being Cpl. Bob Weitz. Davis and Weitz received a military set and leather utility bag, respectively, for their efforts.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR Sunday, August 12, 1945

In the Post Chapel:
Catholic Services.
Masses at 0600 and 0800.
Mass daily at 1700.
Confession before all Masses.
Protestant Services:
Morning worship at 10:00 a.m.
In the Post Theater:
Evening Song Service 6:00 p.m.
In the Post Chapel:
Jewish Services:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Medal of Honor for Medical Aid Man

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 a Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty was awarded posthumously to the following-named enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade **Laverne Parrish** (Army serial No. 39601126), Medical Detachment, 161st Infantry, was medical aid man with Company C during the fighting in Binalonan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 18 and 24 January 1945. On 18 January, he observed two wounded men under enemy fire and immediately went to their rescue. After moving one man to cover, he crossed 25 yards of open ground to administer aid to the second man. In the early hours of 24 January, his company, crossing an open field near San Manuel, encountered intense enemy fire and was ordered to withdraw to the cover of a ditch. While treating the casualties, Technician Parrish observed two wounded men still in the field. Without hesitation he left the ditch, crawled forward under enemy fire, and in two successive trips brought both men to safety. He next administered aid to 12 casualties in the same field, crossing and recrossing the open area raked by hostile fire. Making successive trips, he then brought three wounded men to cover. After treating nearly all of the 37 casualties suffered by his company, he was mortally wounded by mortar fire and shortly after was killed. The indomitable spirit, intrepidity, and gallantry of Technician Parrish saved many lives at the cost of his own.

WAC OF THE WEEK



LUCILLE PEARCE
Private

Pvt. Lucille Pearce—her brilliant white hair tucked demurely beneath OD garrison cap—looked a little wistful as she told of her sole European jaunt, a four-month summer trip in 1931, through the continental nations that banked the Rhine, up the Rhine by steamer, through her forefather's native home—England—home to America and eventually California.

She remembers that the crags and shagginess of the Black Hills reminded her of the wooded areas of Wyoming; that Switzerland impressed her so deeply she would still "love" to go back to visit, and that the attitude of Germans to foreigners was one of formal hostility.

"Already there was a feeling of uneasiness among the people," she recalls. "And I could sense their hostility towards outsiders."

For 20 years—long enough to be considered a native daughter—this LGH WAC lived in California, first in Pomona, where her family still resides, and later in Hollywood where she worked in a medical office perched on the famous junction of Vine and Hollywood.

For eight years prior to her enlistment in the WAC, Pvt. Pearce traveled in the west with her husband, a mining engineer and a veteran of the first World War. A few months after he died, she joined the Army, taking the oath February 5 in Los Angeles.

A Red Cross nurses' aide course helped prepare Pvt. Pearce for her present job as surgical technician. She has been working since July 16 in the psychoneurotic ward, S-2, and is thinking of making psychiatric nursing her postwar career, with time out for traveling.

SURPLUS PROPERTY BOARD WILL HELP VETERANS SET UP SMALL BUSINESSES

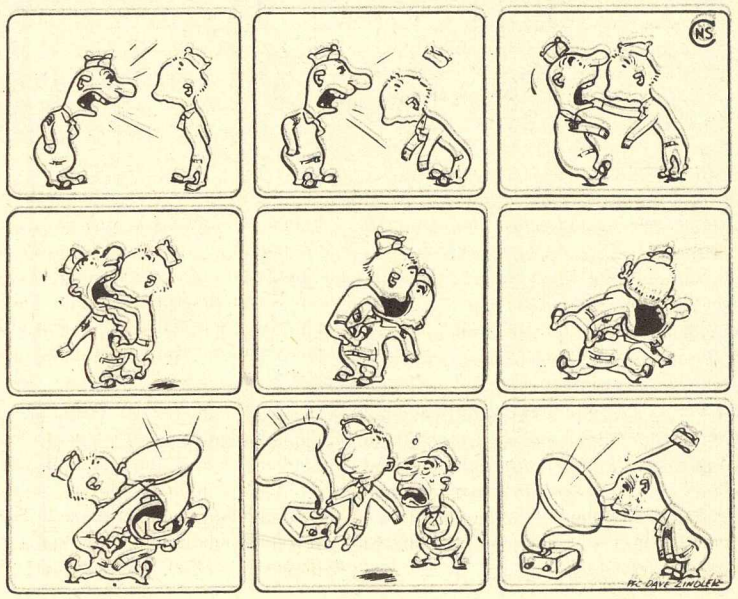
Returning veterans can purchase surplus property to set themselves up in business without buying through regular dealer channels, the Surplus Property Board has announced. The exercise of this right will be accomplished through the Smaller War Plants Corporation which has 100 field offices where veterans may file applications. Arrangements are being made by the War Food Administration for the handling of equipment for farming, forestry, fruit growing, etc. Heretofore, most surplus items, particularly automotive, agricultural and construction equipment and consumer good, under the terms of the Surplus Property Act have been offered for sale through dealers. Under the new regulations. veterans will be afforded the highest priority possible.

Veterans wishing to obtain surplus items for any commercial, industrial, manufacturing, financial, service, medical, dental or legal enterprise, with an invested capital not exceeding $50,000, should apply to the Smaller War Plants Corporation office nearest the locality where the business will be established. As soon as the application is approved, the Smaller War Plants Corporation exercises its purchase priority to buy the items required by the veteran. The amount that may be purchased by an individual is limited to $2,500 to afford a broad and equitable distribution of surpluses available.

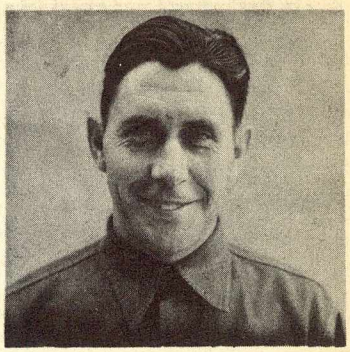
According to the regulations, the veteran must maintain the business as sole proprietor, or, if non-veterans are associated with him in the business, they cannot have more than one-half interest.

A typical procedure on a veteran's application could be as follows: An honorably discharged veteran living in Troy, N. Y., is opening up a plumbing and heating supply business. He needs a light delivery truck, office equipment, and other items. The nearest district office of the Smaller War Plants Corporation is at Albany. He makes formal application in writing to that office, giving all necessary details. All the factors of the application are reviewed and it is decided that the applicant has a good chance to build a successful business in his community, and the veteran's needs are recorded. In the meantime, the disposal agencies are reporting from time to time to the Smaller War Plants Corporation surplus property that becomes available for disposal. The Corporation will purchase items through its A-1 priority to fill as far as possible requirements of veterans as set forth in their applications. When the property is turned over to him, the veteran pays the Smaller War Plant Corporation the same amount involved on the purchase, either in cash or in some special cases, under the arrangement of terms.

The Surplus Property Board has pointed out that the demobilization of men and material will be concurrent, and ample surpluses of all kinds are expected to be on hand to fulfill the needs of all veterans as they return to civilian life.



ON THE SPOT



HERBERT E. FARRELL
Private, First Class

"Who there?" might have been Private First Class Herbert E. Farrell's question—in better English—if the Massachusetts Infantryman had cared to talk that morning on Leyte.

It was a Jap inquiring, however, and the answer he got was a clip of M-1 rifle bullets.

"I don't know how the others missed me," said the 32-year-old rifleman, explaining that the officer who had stood directly over the foxhole as he asked his last question was accompanied by four other Japs who put a light machinegun into action.

"Dirt was flying all over me, and I thought any moment I was going to be hit. Then the BAR men (Browning automatic rifleman) a few yards to my right went to work on them. They were all five laying there when daylight came."

The former Charlemont, Massachusetts, jeweler, who fought with the 77th (Statue of Liberty) Infantry Division when he fell ill on Leyte, told the story at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, where he awaited transfer to Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, for treatment.

Overseas 14 months, he earned the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, when he fought on Guam and in the Philippines.

Sandwiched with fighting on Guam, where he stormed the beach with an early invasion wave, was a reversion to his civilian occupation.

"After the Japs were pretty well cleaned up," he related, "I was put on special duty repairing watches. We found some Jap jeweler tools, and I had work enough to keep me busy for quite a while."

MEDICAL DETACH

By Pat Sullivan

A welcome is extended to the following men who joined the detachment during the week. M/Sgt. Frederick W. Guth, T/Sgt. Arthur R. Churchwell, Cpls. Victor Vigil, Walter Zacharyasx, Paul E. Badgley, James B. Manning, Anthony W. Perazzo, Pvts. Wallace E. Rutherford, Frederick J. Savering and Irvine R. Tucker.

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Congratulations are in order for the following men who were promoted to Privates First Class during the week: Pvts. William C. Jarding, Frank J. Birringer, Thomas L. Cahill, Fred W. Marley, Theodore R. Klein, Henry Lynn, Floyd H. Robinson, Joseph Kraynik and Thomas L. Manker.

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Furloughs are still the order of the day and the lucky GIs to be off to their homes during the week were: Cpl. Frank Denota and Pvt. Gerald W. O'Neil each with 25 days; T/Sgt. Jack LaVelle, Sgt. Elmer P. Martell, Cpl. Donald W. Harvey, Pvts. Ellsworth R. Sprenkle, Robert G. Ashby and Fred D. Wong, each with 23 days; Pvt. Burke H. Corman with 19 days; S/Sgt. Louis S. Minchella, T/3rd Gr. Ralph G. Furman, Cpl. Johnathan L. Carter, T/5th Gr. Vincent J. Giambone and Pvt. Alfred L. Slosberg, each with 17 days; Pvts. George M. Vale and Raymond R. Lopez, each with 15 days; S/Sgt. Walter A. Yohe, with 12 days; M/Sgt. Theodore Schmierer, with 10 days.

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INTERESTING TO SEE:

Sgt. Hugh C. Ashby back on the job after attending school in the East and a short stay at home.

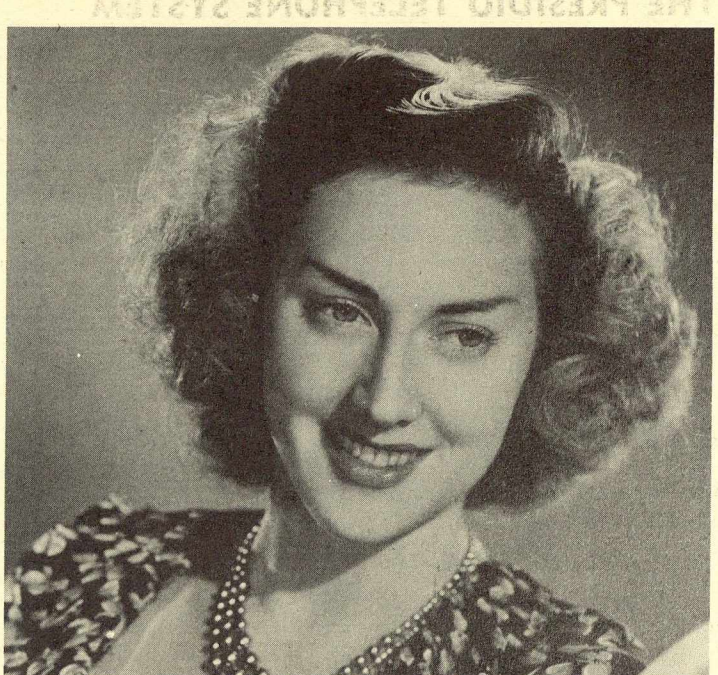
Sgt. David H. Davis back on duty in the out patients after a two weeks vacation in his home state of Idaho.

Sgt. David C. Taber taking up ice skating for a pastime and already cutting fancy figures.

The billiard tournament up to the semi-finals and getting tougher as it continues.

Cpl. Elias Tamey seeing the light as far as horse racing is concerned since T/3rd Gr. Charles Wilcox keeps all the long shots to himself.

HARDY OF HOLLYWOOD HERE AND HOPEFULLY HOUSE HUNTING



MISS KAY HARDY

If you have any questions you want answered about Hollywood, then dash up to the Public Relations Office on the second floor of the Administration Building and see Kay Hardy. For Kay knows all the technical angles and back-fence gossip of the film colony.

Kay, the new administrative assistant in the Public Relations Office, until just a few weeks ago had been promotion manager for Modern Screen and columnist for its sister magazine, Screen Romances. It was in this capacity during the last five years that she learned what makes the film industry and people tick.

But like most of the Hollywood set, Kay's life did not begin in Los Angeles. She was born and lived her childhood years in Evanston, Ill., suburban satellite to that mid-western city of Chicago. Her father owned a chain of hotels, and at an early age, Kay became acquainted with glamorous names, which most of us only know through the newspapers.

Her high school years were packed with extra-curricular, and it was here that she first became interested in journalism. As she said, "I was in the usual number of clubs and was editor of the high school paper."

But then tragedy struck, and Kay's father died when she was in her junior year. His death later proved to be the impetus that catapulted Kay into the heart of Hollywood. For that summer, she and her mother began a tour of the western states and Mexico, which ended in Los Angeles.

Once again Kay went back to school—this time to finish high school at Beverly Hills and to go on to UCLA for another year. Then came Kay's chance with Modern Screen, and all the experiences that went with the job.

She did photo lay-outs on almost every actor and actress in Hollywood. She interviewed again and again the big-time producers, directors, authors and stars. She frequented the exclusive shops and the favorite night haunts of Hollywood, and here picked up those human and unusual angles that made her copy good copy.

Then why, you ask, did Kay Hardy leave such a glamourous world to come to Letterman and work in the Public Relations Office? In her own words, here it is: "I like it in Hollywood. But I wanted to get closer to the war effort, and I could think of no better place to do it than at Letterman."

So that's the story of how Kay came to Letterman, and anytime you see a tall, well-dressed girl with blue eyes and blond hair roaming the wards for the story-of-the-week, it's just Kay doing her bit for the war effort.

Does anyone know where she could find an apartment?

WAC

By Jeanne Riha

Now that the softball season is over, the players are being released from the hospital. T/5th Gr. Eleanor J. Eaton, who started out as the team's pitcher before being confined for diptheria observation five weeks ago, came back Monday griping mildly about having had to listen to endless playing of "Accentuate the Positive." "With me trying to get a negative," she added. Also back in time to get in practice for the 1946 season is T/5th Gr. Lillian Houk, hospitalized several weeks for a foot sprain.

Letterman also returned to barracks life—and active duty—Private Mildred Stack, Private Wynalle Weimer and Private Aurell Krueger.

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T/5th Gr. Marie A. Allor, Dante technician, was looking forward this week to seeing her son for the first time in a year. She received a telegram from him Monday reporting arrival in New York from the ETO, and planned to leave on furlough late in the week to meet him in Chicago.

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Furloughs . . . T/5th Gr. Judith A. Smith, Seattle; Staff Sergeant Vera F. Goodlander, Hammond, Ind.; T/5th Gr. Ethel M. Bash, North Braddock, Pa.; Pvt. Julie D. Presley, Los Angeles; Pvt. Florence Segler, Guntersville, Ala., and Pvt. Sylvia Tutaj, Milwaukee, Wis.

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Barracks Bits . . . Private Frances J. Schnatterly newly engaged to a member of the Western Defense Command; Cpl. Frances Black, who works nights, spending her mornings at the "Y" playing for the vocal solos of Cpl. Pat Williamson of the Western Defense Command; a vase in one of the barracks kept perpetually supplied with flowers from an agreeable sergeant's private garden.

CIVIL CIRCLES

By By Helen Jensen

We all w want to extend a very warm welcomcome this week to Michael Maxim, whoho has just returned to LGH after fc four years of service in the Army. M Michael had worked in the garden ı here for a good many years beforere beginning his Army career. He wwas honorably discharged on the pointt system.

Joe Malerba has returned from Russian River. Ned Harrison is vacationing in Lake County and John Marsala is on leave, destination unknown.

Our Southern Occupational Therapist, Zella Counts, with the charmin' you-all drawl, is back from a jaunt to Los Angeles, where she visited her sister.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Peggy Janiec, who is recuperating from an automobile accident. She'll be with us in about a month.

From the Laboratory, Jean Peetz will be off Monday on a little junket to points south. She plans to rest and get a super tan in the sun at her sister's place near Modesto. Thence to the Santa Cruz mountains and the San Joaquin valley.

Adelia Mustain of the Library has received her orders for duty in the ETO. She'll leave New York on the clipper and fly to her station. Her many friends here gave Adelia a lovely over-the-shoulder cosmetic bag as a going-away gift.

The Dental Branch reports that Mildred (Tubby) Miller has left us to be a lady of leisure. She'll be greatly missed by everyone.

Ressa Fairbanks of the Motor Pool is on her way to South Dakota with her newly-returned husband.

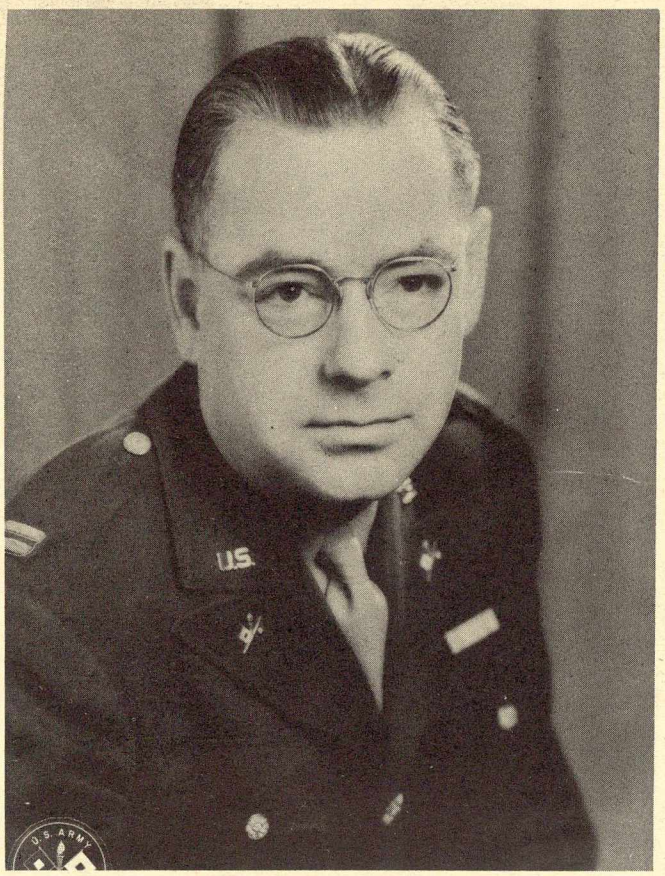
Mildred Williams' fiance is also back from overseas duty. They plan to be married shortly and will live in Sacramento for a short time.

The Mess Office is carrying on without Alice Baer for two weeks. She has gone with her husband to Oklahoma City and Kansas City.

Flash! Virginia Smith tells us that she has been a good girl all week! And with that bit of startling news, we leave you until next Saturday.

Sacramento (CNS) — A 30-day jail sentence was imposed on a Sacramento woman for threatening to burn the house of an evacuee Japanese-American family unless they left the building. The sentence was the first of its kind imposed on a local resident for threatening Nisei who have returned to the West Coast.

ONLY GOOD NUMBERS AVAILABLE ON THE PRESIDIO TELEPHONE SYSTEM



Captain RICHARD T. ALLBRIGHT, S.C.
Officer in Charge, Presidio Telephone System

More than once we have been asked how the Letterman-Presidio telephone system manages to keep up with the flood of incoming and outgoing calls, and all we could do was join in admiration. However, the officer who could tell us how and why is Captain Richart T. Allbright, Signal Corps, who is in charge of the system.

First a word about the captain. He was born in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and graduated from Iowa State College with a degree of B.S. in electrical engineering. He was a member of the ROTC and received his commission as second lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserve on graduation in 1932. On call to extended active duty in September, 1941, he was assigned to Fort Monmouth and transferred to the Signal Corps. After a brief stay there he moved out to Fort Lawton, Wash., and remained for 30 months before joining the staff of the Chief Signal Officer, Ninth Service Command, at the Presidio in September of last year.

When the question on the high degree of efficiency demonstrated by the personnel of the telephone systm was put to the captain he replied that it was very simple. Just a matter of good team work with everyone doing his or her part at all times. A very modest answer but back of it is the personality and the ability of the man who leads the team. Captain Allbright is a "Can Do" man and comes very close to removing the first syllable of "Impossible" on frequent occasions. He still insists that any credit should be given to the team—and what team would not play "heads up" at all times for such a captain.

Captain Allbright was married in 1940 to Miss Gladys Ellingwood of Glenwood, Iowa. They have two children—Bobby, 4, and Betty Jean, 11 months old.

The Presidio telephone system no doubt has just as many "wrong numbers" as any other organization of its kind but the difference is that Captain Allbright and his team issue them very sparingly.

His number? You have it.



To T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edward S. **Spangler,** twins, a son, **Peter Bruce,** weight 5 pounds and 2 ounces and a daughter, **Monier Sandra,** weight 4 pounds and 15 ounces, born 30 July.

To Major and Mrs. Robert **Johnston,** a son, **Robert Handel Jr.,** born 31 July, weight 9 pounds.

To Capt. and Mrs. Edward **Frisby,** a son, **John Edward,** born 31 July, weight 7 pounds.

To Capt. and Mrs. Myron E. **Rothenberg,** a daughter, **Rochelle Irene,** born 31 July, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert T. **Good,** a daughter, **Joanne Marguerite,** born 1 August, weight 7 pounds.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Kenneth **C. Cochran,** a son, **Kenneth Gary,** born 1 August, weight 6 pounds and 10 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Robert E. **Blackwell,** a daughter, **Kathryn Ann,** born 1 August, weight 5 pounds and 8 ounces.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Clifford L. **Johnson,** a daughter, **Melanie Lynn,** born 1 August, weight 7 pounds.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. John D. **Taylor,** a son, **Robert Morgan,** born 3 August, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

To T/Sgt. and Mrs. William **Bueer,** a daughter, **Sharon Marie,** born 4 August, weight 5 pounds and 7 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Mervin **Wine,** a daughter, **Margaret Love,** born 4 August, weight 6 pounds and 8 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Leo J. **Turriciano,** a son, born 4 August, weight 10 pounds and 6 ounces.

To S/Sgt. and Mrs. Isaac **Hatton,** a son, **Richard Allen,** born 4 August, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

To T/4th Gr. and Mrs. Fred **Keller,** a daughter, born 4 August, weight 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

To Lt. Col. and Mrs. Robert **Gray,** a son, **Robert Parker,** born 5 August, weight 7 pounds.

To 1st Lt. and Mrs. Clovis **McKenzie,** a son, **Stephen Edward,** born 5 August, weight 9 pounds.

MORE ABOUT GEN. WILLITS

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A native Virginian, born Nov. 25, 1886, General Willis dates his Army medical career back 35 years. He attended medical school at George Washington University and went directly into the Army, serving first as instructor and assistant commandante at the Medical Field Service School at Carlyle, Pennsylvania. This command held, off and on, for 10 years.

He was commanding general at the large medical training and reception center maintained at Camp Grant, from 1941 to 1943 and then became Surgeon, Ninth Service Command, leaving that post in November of last year to report to his station in the Pacific as Surgeon of the Mid-Pacific.

The General's wife, Mrs. Anne Gibson Willis, is making her home at the Lawrence Hotel in Erie, Pa. They have one son, John M. Willis, Jr., a lieutenant colonel in the medical corps, now serving in France.

When asked to what station he was reporting in the Pacific, the General smiled:

"Just make it APO 958," he said.

MORE ABOUT ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

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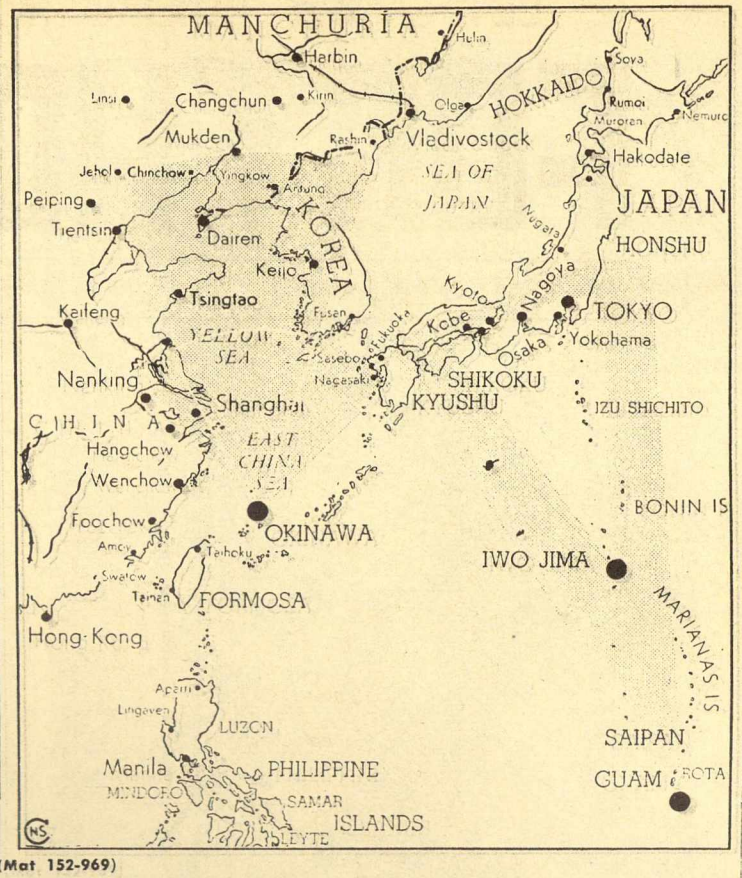
at a debarkation hospital demands an unusual and ready source of supply, and the new construction will remedy what has at times been a difficult situation although the quartermaster has been equal to every demand to date.

The new construction is estimated to cost approximately $1,500,000 according to the dispatches.

Invitation

The Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-el most cordially invites officers to the semi-monthly dances, which will be held in the Temple House of the Synagogue, corner Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, August 11th, and Saturday, August 25th, at 9:00 p. m. Take No. 1 car on Sutter Street to Arguello Boulevard. Junior hostesses will welcome you.

Our Air Team Over Japan



(Mat 152-969)

Wedge-shaped figures show the limit of land-based plane operations over Japan. Smaller wedges give radius of tactical planes; others show reach of strategic air arm.



" . . . Is your skin alluring? . . . Do you find others clustering around you, eager to be near you? . . . This amazing lotion will make you more attractive than ever."

Col. Mitchell Back From 'Down Under' Looks Us Over

Colonel Carl R. Mitchell, who specializes in setting up hospitals where there were none before, is now at Letterman awaiting future assignment after serving 41 months in the Southwest Pacific.

It was in January 1942 that he moved into Townsville, Queensland and established the 12th Station Hospital by setting up his supplies in 32 homes along a block and a half of one Australian street. He had ramps built between the front porches, and each home served as one complete ward.

Col. Mitchell spent two years as Base Surgeon for Base 2, which included New Guinea and the islands north of Australia. Each installation presented different problems, and he gives credit to Medical Supply for doing the best job of all, in getting the materials to the places where they were needed quickly and correctly.

When he and his men reached advance locations with nothing but crates of pre-fabricated buildings, there was nothing to do but turn out in full force and go to work. They literally built their hospitals from the ground up. It was nothing unusual to see famous surgeons maneuvering bulky road graders and knocking walls and roofs together.

These last months overseas climaxed a long, busy Army career for Col. Mitchell that began in 1918. His first assignment after graduation from Army Medical school was at the Embarkation Hospital, Newport News, Rhode Island. After service in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, he was assigned to accompany the 31st infantry, when the 17th Evacuation Hospital was established in Siberia. A year later, he sailed from Vladivostok to Manila, where the 31st infantry was stationed. After tours of duty back in this country, including a four year period in his hometown, Chicago, he was sent to Camp Callan, Calif., as Camp Surgeon. After two years overseas, he was assigned as Surgeon, S.O.S. for the Intermediate Section.

Ogden, Utah (CNS)—Chosen as rodeo foreman because of his superior riding ability, William Wood rode into the center of the crowded arena at a dignified canter, then fell from his horse, breaking his arm.